



A woman with long, light-colored hair is smiling and looking down at a notebook she is holding. She is wearing a light-colored jacket. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a desk or table. The entire image has a soft, reddish-pink tint.

*This is . . .*

*Our Story*

2006

Angela Donis



Patrick Prochno

"My Dad and I have had our ups and downs throughout my seven seasons of wrestling. Our downs usually resulted in me thinking I knew more than him, because I do. We also had some really good times, and I'm glad that he was my coach, even though the times were rough. It would be weird having someone else yelling from my corner," said senior **Patrick Prochno** whose father, Walt Prochno was the coach. .



Stephanie Mann

"I have been in Kolor Guard since my freshman year. I was disappointed when I couldn't go to the Citrus Bowl in Florida because I was going on a cruise. I wish I would have been able to go because the girls had so much fun. When my family and I returned from vacation, I quickly picked up on the routine to show for half-time," said senior **Stephanie Mann**.



Jacquelynne Scheidt

"During my fourth hour, Brian Winter and I usually sit in the foreign language hallway discussing how everything is and cracking a joke now and then. Sports is usually the topic that's most popular. We both usually have our spare time to just take five minutes and be able to relax and enjoy our free time or finish some homework that is usually due later on in the day," said junior **Jacquelynne Scheidt**.



Lindsey Shea

"I've been singing for as long as I can remember. I have been involved in a number of musicals. My sophomore year I played Rizzo in **Grease** and this year I'm playing the part of Bell in the musical **Beauty and the Beast**. Over the summer I auditioned for American Idol, but unfortunately I didn't make it, but it was an amazing experience to remember," said junior **Lindsey Shea**.







Hands raised high in the air, seniors Steven Martin, Lyle Shepherd, and Skyler Cavinder cheer on the Senior girls during the Powder Puff game. Martin and Cavinder took the time to paint their faces, "We were running around wiping a little bit of our paint on people's faces. It was fun," said Cavinder.

Chasing the ball, and preparing to kick, junior Alison Schultz focuses on the goal as she outruns a player from Hammond Clark at a home match.



# This is our... Story....

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Priority	58-89
Athletics	90-127
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Jeni Meyer



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Laura VanderLugt,  
Alana Williams



Anastasia Wagner



Ryan Hilton

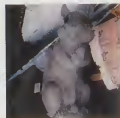
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Sitting in the hallway, junior Megan Odle tells about her spider necklace, "I love it. I broke the chain once, and I was so upset that I figured out how I could fix it myself."



Wherever you looked, junior Liz Studer's trunk was full of paper products. Liz said, "I bought the paper so my friends and I could go out during Powder Puff week festivities."

Duct taped for Homecoming week, junior Andrew Surber chuckled, "It was so much fun to do something out of the ordinary that people don't see every day."

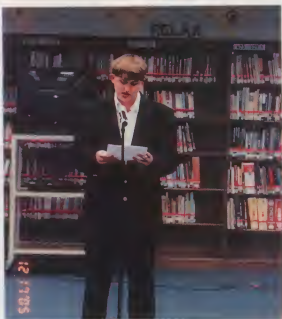


A plastic lawn ornament lays comfortably in Christine Miles's backseat. "My ex-boyfriend gave it to me, and I just think it's funny," said Miles.

Drama King, Adam Bowman said, "Acting is like breathing." Bowman had just finished his performance as Hunter in a play his second hour class had written for their final grade.



During the Kougars Den, sophomore Craig Curtis impersonates President Calvin Coolidge. Juniors and Honor Sophomores created a Jazz Age theme in the Media Center on December 16 as part of their study of *The Great Gatsby*.



Holding her dog Levi, Junior Kelsey Nannenga sits in the back of her truck where her canine friend usually rides when she decides to take him for a drive.



# 'What's your story?'

"You got something to say?"

Everyone had a story whether it was happy or sad. Here were some. Junior Sheena Armstrong became the mother of a baby boy, Caden Lee, in February. "It was interesting walking around school because people that I didn't even know came up to me and asked to feel my belly. School was a lot more strenuous. I was usually pretty tired by fourth hour. I went to the alternative school second semester because my schedule was more flexible when the baby came," said Armstrong.

When Senior Sarah Salamah encountered a stray cat that lived in Mr. Inman's shop, she caged it only after it had bitten her 32 times. She was trying to put the cat in the cage to let it free outside. Instead, she ended up at Jasper County Hospital to get a tetanus shot and antibiotics. "That cat looked pretty nice, but once he felt threatened, he went crazy," said Sarah.

Mr. Paul Epley's class worked to get students to bring in stuffed animals that he sent down to Mississippi to give to Hurricane Katrina survivors. From December 26 to December 31 Mr. Epley and his son Nathan helped tear down houses that were damaged by the storms.

Another story involved a plastic squirrel with a dime taped over each eye. "I don't want to throw it away, but I probably will sooner or later," said senior Christine Miles of the squirrel we found in her trunk. When asked why she still kept the small animal she said, "I'm just holding on to old memories."

Finally, there was Funny Man Adam Bowman who had a passion for acting. It was definitely not unusual to see Adam in the bright lights. "I would say Adam Bowman was very versatile. He was very good at getting the younger kids to open up and let their light shine when they were on stage. He played a huge part in almost every production that we did," said Drama Director Jill Steiner.



## Top News!

*What was most interesting to you?*

1. Melvin Keeling Murders in Remington 26%
2. War in Iraq 22%
3. Hurricane Katrina 18%
4. Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie had twins 14%
5. Jessica Simpson & Nick Lachey broke up 12%
7. Sox Won the World Series 4%

Glazing her snowman, Senior Ashlee Bonesteel said, "Ceramics was a really fun way for me to wind down in the middle of my day. I love to see the things I create when they are finally fired."

Decked out in Mardi Gras beads, junior Matthew Oliver heads into the Sunshine Dance. In addition to beads, all attendees received a decorative mask for the dance.

# 'Weekends'

## Two Day Vacation

"What do you do in your spare time?"

Sixty five hours of sheer freedom sparked the excitement of the 3:15 Friday bell. All anyone could think of was: **"Two day vacation!"**

"My weekends tend to vary, I hate not doing anything. So, I usually try to keep myself busy with my friends, shopping, boys and church," said junior **Beth Guzzo**. There were so many things that people could accomplish on weekends.

"I have been to the B 96 bash, and it cost me about \$50. The concert was fun, It's better to see an artist perform in person than in a studio because you get to hear the real voice without all of the adjustments, and it gets you more hyped up when you see artists at arms' length," replied senior **Siobhan Urbano**. Other concerts that were enjoyed included Tom Petty, Motley Crue, Black Crowe, Local H, New York Dolls, Dave Mathews Band, and Foo Fighters.

Some people did the same thing every weekend. "Friday after school I normally walked home with a friend. When I got home, I usually ate and depending on how tired I was, I either stayed up and watched TV, or I went to sleep. Saturday I worked from 2 to 5. Then, I went home and ate dinner with my family, and then I went to bed. Sunday I went to church and maybe took a nap if I had time. Later that night, I had a Bible study at my house with children from our youth group," said sophomore **Josiah Schaefer**. All in all, teens based their weekend activities on family traditions, personal interests and/or personalities.

### Weekends!

#### *Six weekend Activities*

1. Go to a friend's house and have a bon fire or watch a movie and eat popcorn.
2. Go to a school event like a football/basketball game/band concert.
3. Go to the mall and go shopping with friends or family.
4. Go camping with family.
5. Go fishing.
6. Go out to eat.



At the Touch of Dutch Parade in DeMotte, special education aide **Mrs. Sheila Shields** smiles as she walks up to friends and family during the festivities.



**Ashley Antkowiak**

### *This is my story...*

Leaving the parking lot with

We made plans to go to \_\_\_\_\_ We normally rode in \_\_\_\_\_'s car. Saturday mornings I usually slept until \_\_\_\_\_ a.m., p.m. The first thing I did when I woke up was \_\_\_\_\_. If I had something to do that day, it would be work/lay around all day (circle one). My weekends usually cost me about \$\_\_\_\_\_. Sunday mornings, I got up and \_\_\_\_\_. After that I \_\_\_\_\_, Sunday nights I usually watched \_\_\_\_\_. I went to bed around \_\_\_\_\_. Monday morning I waited for my 65 hours of freedom to start all over again. Ah Weekends!





"I am a very outgoing person, and sometimes I just get these urges to make crazy faces. Friends say I am crazy on the weekends just like my faces," said senior Elizabeth Moran.



At a game senior Jessira Nuss shows her school spirit by cheering on her team and taking the time to paint on a peace sign.

During a Friday night game, junior Christine Roorda pays attention to the game so she will be able to choose the best cheer for the team.



"During the weekend I would study. I have two classes that are really hard for me which are ICP and Medical Terminology," said sophomore Daniel Blanton.

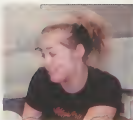
"The most memorable moment I had on the weekend was when I went water skiing with my friends and family during the summer," said freshman Branden Martens.



Showing off her horse in a competition, senior Cecilia Heckman participates in many 4-H horse and pony activities.

During a Friday afternoon, junior Melaine Daniels stays after school to practice with her teammates. Daniels was a member of the swim team.

"I spend most of my money on going places with my friends. We usually go out to eat at least once a week at the food court in the Westfield Mall," said Junior **Jennifer Davis**



"I spend most of my paycheck on clothes because I don't have any bills to pay yet. Later in life I won't be able to splurge as often as I do now," added Senior **Nichole Wildrick**

"I spend a portion of my money on hair and makeup. Most of those items I buy at the mall along with clothes even though they cost a lot," replied Sophomore **Nichole McClellan**.



"It's easy to just blow your money on things you don't need, but you will probably wish that you had saved your money later on," said Junior **Lauren Brubaker**

"I spend most of my money buying food because I eat a lot. I also give gas money to friends because they take me places," said Freshman **Kyle Rend**



## Cafeteria Director Kathy Ferguson, Sophomore Mark Nikolaj



Pumping gas in his 2003 Monte Carlo, Senior **Troy Jackson** and Junior **Cody Jansma** talk about what they are going to do over the weekend. Gas prices ranged from \$2.00 to \$3.10 during the fall of '05.

Purchasing a Motorola cell phone at Hometown Video, Freshman **Kelly Urbano** asks the clerk about payment plans for the \$100 item. The monthly fee for service was \$65 for 700 minutes. This was a workable cost for teens.



# Breaking the Bank

"How do you spend your money?"

Compulsive buyers seemed to be a good word to describe teenagers. With more and more teenagers working, a salary gave them more money to spend on things that they thought they needed. Psychologist Ted Feinberg said, "I have seen many young adults who think they can buy happiness. In some cases I view these people as consumer junkies. They are jumping from possession to possession, thinking that is going to buy them inner peace. Just like a narcotic junkie, they are going from high to high, it's only a synthetic high. It's not born of things that are substantive in life. In the end, it is going to leave them feeling hollow." In response to Mr. Ted Feinberg's quote Senior **Allison Plopper** replied, "I agree with his quote, No matter how much you buy or how much money you spend, you cannot buy happiness."

In spite of Feinberg's philosophy, teens raced to the stores in October to purchase the Xbox 360 for a whopping \$400, purchased the new Motorola Razor phone for \$100, and begged parents for the latest picture IPOD that would play movies for \$300. Electronic gadgets also included the latest MP3 players which held 500 songs and cost \$200.

Some students however chose to save their money rather than spend it. "When I get money from baby-sitting, I usually put my money in my bank account to save up for my car," said freshman **Kendie Terborg**. As bank rates shot up to 3.75%, students could once again get a return on their savings. Prior to '05, rates had been as low as .25%.

Needless to say, as gas prices were driven over the \$3.00 a gallon mark by the Iraq war, and teens were required to provide more of their own spending money, savings were not always a priority in this materialistic, generation whose goal was instant communication and gratification.

## I spend. . .

I usually spent \$\_\_\_\_\_ each week. When I went shopping at \_\_\_\_\_, I spent \$\_\_\_\_\_. Most of my spending money came from \_\_\_\_\_. I tried to save my money so I could buy a/an \_\_\_\_\_. I went to \_\_\_\_\_ for Spring Break, I needed to save \$\_\_\_\_\_. I went to the guidance office today to pick up college applications for \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. I spent \$\_\_\_\_\_ on college applications. I sent in my SAT form yesterday. It was \$\_\_\_\_\_. Car Insurance for my \_\_\_\_\_ cost \$\_\_\_\_\_. Prom tickets were \$\_\_\_\_\_. My hair and nail appointment was at \_\_\_\_\_. They set me back \$\_\_\_\_\_.



Looking to purchase a dress for Christmas, junior **Amanda Jackson** admires the sequins.

## Did you know?

- \*In the past five years teen spending has increased by 50 billion dollars.
  - \*Only 4 out of 10 teens save at least half of their paycheck.
  - \*On an average a family spends \$442 on back to school shopping.
  - \*The fastest growing age group of people filing for bankruptcy is 25 and under.
  - \*Teen girls spend about \$37 billion dollars on clothes every year.
  - \*Teen girls spend about 17 billion dollars on beauty products.
  - \*Teens spent 3 billion dollars on movies and made up 40% of the audience.
  - \*Teenagers spend \$53.8 billion daily on food and their families.
- [www.decatordaily.com](http://www.decatordaily.com) to find info.

By: Siobhan Urbano



Excitement, adrenaline and nerves were just some of the things that the junior and senior Powder Puff players were feeling before the big game. Frustration and sadness accompanied those emotions as they learned that their teammate junior Morgann VanKley had been in a car accident about two and a half hours before the juniors took the field. With all the emotions and feelings that the juniors were going through and waiting on the news report on how Morgann was doing, the juniors did not get a team picture taken. "I was very sad to hear about Morgann and what had happened. I tried to imagine how the juniors felt and all the emotions they were having. It was impressive to see them still wanting to play to win for Morgann," said senior Carrielle Baumgarte. With the score of 46-0, the seniors blew the juniors out of the water and shattered the school record putting them back on top. "I liked Powder Puff because it gets the juniors and seniors pumped up. It gives the girls a chance to compete for their class. It was a very active and awesome game to watch," said senior Landen Krupchak. After eight days in the hospital, Morgann spent all of October and most of November recuperating at home. Injuries included multiple breaks in her left arm, 22 staples, broken right wrist, a broken jaw and a blown out right knee. Even though some of the girls couldn't play because of academic requirements, or if they were involved in a sport, they still showed their support for their team by standing by the sidelines and cheering.

With adrenaline through the gate, senior Powder Puff girls rush onto the field. Seniors dominated the junior team with a score of 46-0.

Headed onto the field, seniors Kelly Boggs and Elizabeth Moran run toward the sidelines to cheer on their team members. The girls visited with some spectators just before the half time ended.

Running a reverse, junior Jacquelynne Scheidt hands off the ball to receiver junior Keely Woods before senior Brittany Patton was able to come in and take the flag during the annual Powder Puff event.

Far Right: All dazzled up to beat the juniors, senior Megan Wenger works on senior Ashley Cooper's hair for the group picture. This was the first time juniors did not get a group picture taken as they were waiting for information about teammate Morgann VanKley who was involved in an accident before the game.



By: Sarah  
Salamah



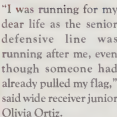
Alternating between Juniors and Seniors, powder puff players hold hands as Principal Phil Apple leads the ladies in prayer. "It made us all feel better knowing that we prayed for Morgann because that's all there was left to do," said senior Caitlin Sitema.



Row 1: Destiny Baccino, Carrielle Baumgarte, Kelly Boggs, Carrie Barrera, Cassandra Coffey, Jennifer Kurowsky, Alana Williams, Holly Logan. Row 2: Ashley Tronjo, Cecilia Heckman, Laura VanderLugt, Carmen VanKley, Lori Kappes, Jessica Thys, Ashton DeVries, Caitlin Sitema, Ashlee Bonesteel, Brandy DeVries. Row 3: Heather Drake, Stephanie Poisel, Megan Wenger, Jessica Nuss, Stephanie Mann, Alicia Anderson, Joanna Chou, Allison Plopper, Jamie Vandermolen, Emma Cunningham, Row 4: Cassy Dickerson, Ashley Cooper, Brittany Patton, Shannon Abrell, Amanda Evans, Brittany Sutton, Ashley Murray, Cecilia Junflo-Serra, Rebecca Tortella, Carri Dickerson, Row 5: Lauren Laski, Nichole Wright, Elizabeth Moran, Rachel Kikkert, Kara Prentoski, Katherine Hubbeling, Sara Boer, Ashley Antkowiak, Megan Anderson.



Gathering around each other for a word of prayer, junior Erica Greenlee prays for her friend and teammate junior Morgann VanKley after the game.



"I was running for my dear life as the senior defensive line was running after me, even though someone had already pulled my flag," said wide receiver junior Olivia Ortiz.



Sprinting to the end-zone, senior Emma Cunningham scores the seniors six more points by making a touchdown. Emma then went on to make a two point conversion.





Halls broke into Medieval madness during Homecoming week. Monday was pajama day, where students came to school dressed for their classes in their P.J.s and the 4th hour activity was Lego Castle Building where many students tried to build castles for points for their class. Superfan Jersey day was Tuesday and many students were seen wearing shirts supporting their fellow classmates playing in the Powder Puff game. The energy boosting "Save the Princess Relay Race" had Vanessa Acevedo and Ryan Smeltzer screaming through the halls to victory. "Medieval Madness goes Metallic," happened on Wednesday and many students came to school covered in duct tape and aluminum foil. "This was my favorite day because everyone came to school with cool ideas," said sophomore Eric Fulkerson. The fourth hour activity was Frog Spam Carving, where students tried their best to carve a frog out of a block of Spam. To score extra points, some students also kissed or ate a piece of the Spam. Toga day was Thursday and Tricycle Jousting took over the halls. Many students filled the front hall watching and waiting in anticipation for their chance to score more points for the class. Class color day was Friday where seniors wore red, juniors wore orange, sophomores wore blue, and freshmen wore yellow. Fourth hour activity was the Life Saver Race. Teens raced to see who could get to the Life Saver tied at the end of a piece of Licorice first. "I tried to have as much fun as possible while it lasted. It was fun watching everybody participate, and it showed that our school still had a lot of spirit," said junior Heather Graham.

Taking part in the Save the Princess Relay Race, seniors Ryan Smeltzer and Vanessa Acevedo team up to gain points for the seniors. They proved to be the better opponents in the match, beating their adversaries and scoring for the seniors.

Winners of the 4th hour class crest competition, sophomore Timothy Smith, junior Joseph Kent, and seniors Ryan Hilton and Herlof Hansen stand in front of their crest, made of metal and wood. It hung on the door of Mr. Jeff Mengel's Manufacturing classroom.

Who could be the fastest was the question as sophomores Melissa Roldan and Hannah Sparks face-off in the Life Saver race on Friday. Melissa proved to be the victor when she won the race against her classmate.

Clad in an original shirt, sophomore Katherine Mestrovich and senior Gregory Grund wore their superfan tshirts supporting the senior girls. They were seen wearing their shirts all through school as well as at the game.

By: Nicci Wright





Teaming up, senior Brandon Mavrenik and sophomore Augustus McCloskey Jr. plan to win the jousting competition. Brandon prepared Augustus by sending him off with a good push. They beat their opponents.

Caught in his new look, senior Anthony Sandefur enjoys lunch in his toga. Anthony transferred from Gavitt High School. He said, "The most exciting thing about Homecoming was the 4th hour activities. My old school never did stuff like this."



"I like the 4th hour activities because they get people involved," said junior Mary Frederich. "I think the spirit brought unity to our classes. It was also fun playing with Legos when we were bored."

"It was really difficult to carve a frog out of Spam so I had to kiss the slimy frog," said senior Heather Drake. "I also liked getting points so the seniors could win the spirit stick, and we did."



"It was weird being surrounded by all the seniors. They were all heading for the freshmen. It was like being attacked. But it was fun anyway," said freshman Gregory Boer.





Tensions ran high as the seniors entered the gym, neck and neck with the freshmen for the spirit stick. Dominating the floor, the juniors who were decked out in pastel shirts and polka dot bowties captured the hearts of Homecoming fever with their spirit dance entitled "A million ways to be cruel" by OK GO. Next up were the seniors who shook the floor with "Paradise City" by Guns and Roses. With no contest the judges voted juniors most outstanding in the event. Sweat poured from all grades as the final points were tallied. "It was an awesome experience to win the spirit stick because we have waited our whole high school career for that one moment for them to say that the seniors had won, and nobody would be able to take that away from us. I will never forget that moment," said senior Kara Prentoski. Seniors once again took the the spirit stick as well as defeated the juniors in Powder Puff with a record breaking score of 46-0 which earned them bragging rights as well as the Powder Puff football. Having to fill the shoes of former English teacher Mr. Tom Black who had been the spokes person in the years past, Mr. Tim Adams was the teacher who was asked to be the next person to be the announcer at the pep session. "When asked to be the announcer at the annual pep session, I gave it consideration. I told Mrs. Steiner I would give it a try, and it turned out to be a positive experience because it was all organized, and the students responded very well," said Mr. Adams. In addition to the lip syncs, the program consisted of class cheers, a skit and cheering routines from the various cheerleading squads. Homecoming activities were organized by the Student Council under the direction of Mrs. Heather Carey and Ms. Melissa Whicker. Mrs. Jill Steiner also assisted with the lip sync entries.

Dancing to the Spice Girls song "If You Wanna Be My Lover," senior Brandon Phillips said, "The boys wanted to do something a little bit different and make everyone laugh by dressing up in the cheerleaders' uniforms and just have fun."

Leading the Lady Kougars and Boys Soccer Teams through the center of the gym, freshmen Amy Dykstra and Miranda Gonzales dress in their jester hats for the Kougars Krazies to show off their pride.

Poised for action, senior Jennifer Kurowsky awaits her cue in the song "Paradise City" by Guns and Roses. Seniors placed second in the lip sync contest.

Far Right: To place first in the lip sync competition, juniors Jacob Fernandez, Mark Melton, Corey Morse and Adam Bowman dance their way to the top with the song "A Million Ways To Be Cruel" by Ok GO.



By:  
Sarah Salamah

Shattering the old school record for the Powder Puff game, senior girls rush to the middle of the gym floor to hold and touch the Powder Puff football that had been proudly passed down to them. The '06 and the score tab were added for posterity.

Dressed as the warrior king guarding the spirit stick, Mr. Dennis Sterrett stands fiercely in the center of the gym and runs off any one who dares or attempts to come by. Mr. Guy Skrobul was dressed as a king from KV. Skrobul defeated Sterrett.



"Playing the electric bass is the most enjoyable thing I do. I love playing especially in the pep band because I can play a large variety of music. I will definitely play for the rest of my life," said senior Andrew Mullins

Coming to our rescue to defeat the warrior king, Vice Principal Mr. Guy Skrobul saved the day and returned the spirit stick to its rightful owner.



All of the cheerleaders come out to take the floor. Sophomore Brittany Smejic did her thing and concentrated on what move went next as the crowd went wild.



Senior Alana Williams laughs in astonishment and happiness as she finds out that she has been named queen. "I was very excited and honored that my class voted me queen," said Williams.

Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Irma Coddington and her husband, Mr. Charles Coddington, walk along the track. This honor was bestowed upon the recently retired Spanish teacher by Student Council.

Struggling against a Calumet Warrior, senior Adam McDaniel attempts to stop the Warriors's offense. The outcome of the game was 55-14, with KV emerging victorious over Calumet.

Sitting in the bleachers, sophomore Brianna Patton, senior Andrew Mullins, and sophomore Morgan Myers take a break and watch the football game. At halftime, the band performed "Everything I Do I Do It For You," written by Bryan Adams.

By Melissa Pilarczyk

Can you feel the excitement and anticipation? During the week of Homecoming, these two feelings and others of enthusiasm and impatience for Friday night filled the air throughout the school. Everyone turned out for a good time and to see Alana Williams crowned queen and the boys on the football team beat the Calumet Warriors, 55-14. "I thought Homecoming was a lot of fun, especially the dance," said freshman Jennifer Perov. Before the game, the Kougar Krazies had a mock battle to help emphasize the Medieval Madness theme, which got fans eager and excited for the game. "The Kougar Krazies battle skit before the game was one memory I won't easily forget. It's not everyday you get to beat the snot out of strangers with swords; those are good times," said senior Eric Nieto. At halftime, the court nominees and their escorts were paraded around in front of the stands in the horse-drawn carriage, and the crowning of Alana Williams as queen, took place. Fireworks were a huge hit again with the crowd, with the band also performing several songs during their halftime show. The most memorable experience for junior Anne Janavich was the time she spent with her friends. "My favorite part of the night was impersonating a seal to get Swedish Fish from my friend Melissa. So we weren't really paying attention to the game. Then, we found out we won the football game, and we started cheering like crazy," said Janavich. All in all, it was a wonderful night to have fun with your friends, see spectacular fireworks, and watch some great football.





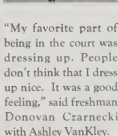
Throughout Homecoming Week, the excitement carries on from Powderpuff night on Tuesday to Homecoming night on Friday. Before the football game, Kougars Krazies fought fellow Krazies in a mock Medieval Madness battle which entertained the crowd.



**Homecoming court** Front row: Jillian Conley (Soph. Ct.), Destiny Baccino, Jamie Vandermolen, Homecoming Queen Alana Williams, Cassandra Coffey (Sr. Ct.), Olivia Ortiz (Jr. Ct.), Ashley VanKley (Fr. Ct.) Back row: Andrew Farr (Soph. Ct.), Llojan Serocinski, Ryan Smeltzer, Troy Jackson, Cole Patrick (Sr. Ct.), Daryl Wood (Jr. Ct.), Donovan Czarnecki (Fr. Ct.)



Escorting the junior nominee Olivia Ortiz, junior Daryl Wood comments about his memorable Homecoming experience. "I liked looking good and being a fly fella."



"My favorite part of being in the court was dressing up. People don't think that I dress up nice. It was a good feeling," said freshman Donovan Czarnecki with Ashley VanKley.



Escorted by Andrew Farr, the Princess of the sophomore class, Jillian Conley said, "It was an exciting honor to represent my class and have fun at the same time."



1. Michelle Dahn,  
Cortnie McClellan

2. Rebecca Fox

3. Sean Nannenga

4. Steven DeVries

5. Jillian Kolb, Devon  
Southard

6. Steven Arlandson





# This is our . . . Class

With numbers rising each year, it was no surprise that lunch lines got longer, getting out of the parking lot after school took longer, and locker areas were crowded. "When school started I couldn't believe how many students were in each grade. Getting through lunch lines took forever. It would always leave me with only 15 minutes to eat," said junior **Nicole Pilachowski**.

Although snow delays and cancellations brought welcome relief in December, the late semester closings created havoc for **Mrs. Steiner's** drama finals, the Pathfinders play, J and B Jewelry yearbook fundraiser and mass choir rehearsals.

In spite of it all, students and staff learned to "Roll with the punches" and completed finals before Christmas Break on December 21. Brian Winter shared a solution, "Since the parking lot is so full, I would put all the busses in front of the school. That way it would be easier for the students to get out a lot faster."

As the semester came to a close, some seniors headed off to service or advanced education as each and every one of the unique students created *his/her own story*.



Shannon Abrell Color Guard 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 11, 12, For. Lang. Club 9, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 10, Color Guard Captain 12, Drama Club Treasurer 12

Vanessa Acevedo Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Env. Club 9, 10, KK 9, 10, 11, Puff 12, Sunshine 9, 10, Memory 10

Alicia Anderson

Meagan Anderson Drama 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, media 9, Pathfinders 9, 10, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, TFC 11

Ashley Antkowiak Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, FCCLA 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, Softball 9, 10, Sunshine 9, Volleyball 9, FCCLA Pres. 12

Eric Antkowiak

Krista Aurelia Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, FFA 9, Mirage 9, 10 SADD 11, Speech Team 10, Sunshine 10

Destiny Baccino Class Office 10, 11, CC 12, Env. Club 10, 11, 12, For. Lang. Club 10, 11, 12, Homecoming Ct. 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 11, 12, Varsity 10, 11, 12, Senior Leader 12, Prom Committee 11

Randi Barcelli KK 9, Newspaper 12, Puff 11, 12

Carrie Barrera For Lang. Club 11, Puff 11, 12, Stu Co 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, Sunshine Officer 12, Drama Officer 12, Choir Pres 12

Kimberly Berns KK 9, Newspaper 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, Sunshine 10, 12, Yearbook 9, 12, Senior Leader 12

Sara Boer FCA 11, KK 11, 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, TFC 11, NHS Treasurer 12

Kelly Boggs Env Club 9, KK 9, Powder Puff 12, Sunshine 9, Volleyball 9

Derek Boissy

Ashlee Bonesteel Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12, Golf 10, 11, KK 10, Puff 11, 12, Sunshine 11, 12, Cheerleading Captain 9, 12, KK Rep. 1

Clarisa Bonilla Class Officer 9, CC 10, 11, Env Club 9, 10, 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, For Lang. Club 9, 10, 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, Peer Facilitation 9, 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, Stu Co 9, 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, TFC 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Vars 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, 12, Stu Co Pres. 11, 12, Stu Co Treasurer 11, FCA Vice Pres. 11, FCA Officer 12

Casey Boyer Football 9, 10, 11, KK 10, 11, SADD 9, Swimming 9, 10

Shane Boyer Football 9, 10, 11, Swim 9

Daniel Broholm Band 9, Yearbook 12





Benjamin Bryan Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Golf 9, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, TFC 9, 10, 11  
Nathan Burgess  
Markus Burns  
Joshua Cambe

Jessica Carter  
Skyler Cavinder  
Yu-Ying Chou Drama 12, P Puff 12, Sunshine 12  
Cassandra Coffer B. Ball 9, 10, 11, 12, FCA 10, 11, Homecoming Court 12, KK 10, 11, Pathfinders 9, 10, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Tennis 9, 10, TFC 11, Vars 12, Soccer Captain 12, Basketball Captain 12, TFC Secretary

Tashena Collins Sunshine 9  
Samantha Conley Env Club 9, 10, P Puff 11, Sunshine 9  
Ashley Cooper  
Joshua Coulter B. Ball 12, Football 9, 11, KK 9, SADD 9, Track 11, 12



1. Clarisa Bonilla  
2. Siobhan Urbano and Nichole Wright  
3. Amanda Thompson and Carlin Oezer



By: Daniel Broholm

### *How has the recent mass destruction affected you?*

From mid to late 2005 the country witnessed events of mass destruction via Hurricanes Katrina and Rita which destroyed much of the southern coast of the US. "The recent mass destructions have made me realize the value of life. I haven't done much, just donations, but I'd like to do anything I can to help," said Garry Jones.

Shannon Abrell also commented, "We have family who lives in New Orleans. Luckily, they evacuated in time. In our government class we helped by raising money in a walk-a-thon."

# Ayla Culbreth

Emma Cunningham B. ball 9, 10, 11, 12, Env Club 9, 10, 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Homecoming Court 11, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 10, 11, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Vars 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer Captain 12, B. ball Captain 12, Sunshine Officer 11, Brian DeKock FFA 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Football Manager 10, Senior Leader 12, Lukas Dempsey



# Daniel Deubel

Ashton DeVries Acad Teams 9, 10, 11, 12, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, For Lang. Club 10, 11, NHS 10, 11, 12, Orchestra 9, Pathfinders 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Drama Vice President 12, NHS Secretary 12, All State Choir 10, 11, 12, Senior Leader 12, Prom Committee 11, Brandy DeVries Color Guard 10, 11, 12, Drama 9, KK 9, Mirage 10, Puff 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Senior Leader 12, Color Guard Captain 12, Carri Dickerson Color Guard 10, KK 9, 10, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, Yearbook 11,12



Cassy Dickerson Band 9,10,11,12, Jazz Band 9,10,11,12, Pep Band 9,10,11,12, Sunshine, 9, KK, 10, SADD 10, Env. Club 9, Heather Drake Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, Newspaper 10, 11, Puff 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, Tyler Drake KK 9, Ann Dykstra B. ball Men. 9, 10, 11, Color Guard 10, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 10, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12



*If you were stranded on a desert island, what 3 things would you take with and why?*

"I would bring a toothbrush, a friend for company and a plane so I could eventually get home." Caitlin Sittema

"I would bring my Tama Swingstar drum kit, a CD player and cds, and my 1994 Ford Taurus." Kyle Gross

"I would bring an i-pod, Burt's Bee's Chapstick, and a pillow so I could sleep good." Laura Vanderlugt

"I would bring a radio, a lifetime supply of pudding and some friends so we could hang out together and eat pudding." Patrick Koedyker



During costume day of drug free week, Senior Greg Wyrick wore a sumo wrestler suit to school. "People found it very entertaining. I was touched... a lot!" said Wyrick.





#### Ashley Engelman

Amanda Evans Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12, CC 10, Env Club 9, 10, 12, FCA 12, KK 9, 10, 12, Peer Facilitation 9, 10, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, Sunshine 9, Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Patrick Fraley Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 9, 11, 12  
Joshua Gibson Art Club 9, 10, 11, 12, For Lang. Club 9, 11, NHS 9, 10, 11, 12

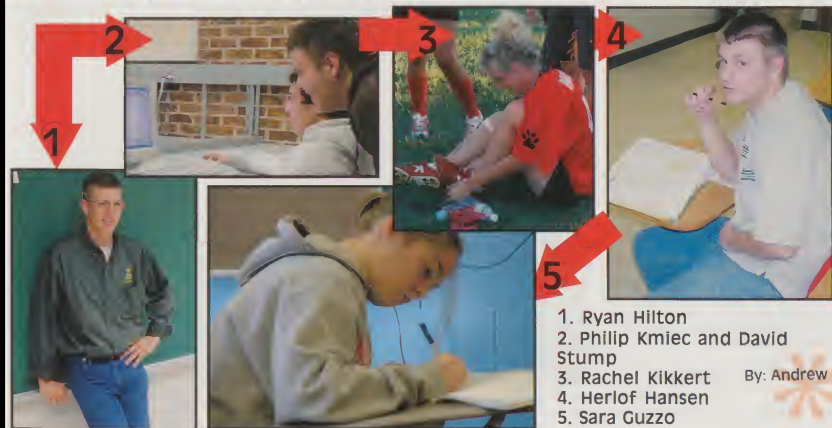


Miranda Green Golf 10, P Puff 11, Swimming 12, Track 10  
Gregory Grund Soccer 10  
Sara Guzzo B. ball 9, Choir 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, Volleyball 9, 10, 11  
Jason Hamstra



#### Herlof Hansen

Royce Havens Acad Teams 11, 12, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Env Club 9, 10, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, Senior Leader 12, Light Tech Director 9, 10, 11, 12  
Matthew Hayes Football 9, 10, Peer Facilitation 9, Lifeguarding 10, 11, 12  
Aaron Hebda Drama 11, 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 11, Vars 12



1. Ryan Hilton
2. Philip Kmiec and David Stump
3. Rachel Kikkert
4. Herlof Hansen
5. Sara Guzzo

By: Andrew Mullin

Cecilia Heckman Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama  
12, FFA 12, Puff 11, 12, Sunshine 10  
Bradley Herr Football 9, 10, 11, Orchestra  
9, 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 9  
Nancy Herrera  
Ryan Hilton FCA 10, FFA 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Football 9, 10, Golf 10, SADD 10, FFA  
Reporter 9, 10, FFA President 11, 12

#### Heather Hinkle

Keith Hoffman Acad Teams 12, Drama  
9, 10, 11, 12, Speech Team 10  
Scott Hoffman B. ball 9, 10, Track 9, 10  
Phillippe Honsberg Soccer 12, Exchange  
Student

#### Jonathan Hopkins BPOA 12

Katherine Hubbeling B. ball 9, 11, Drama  
9, FFA 10, Golf 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, P  
Puff 11, 12, Quill & Scroll 9, Track 9, 10, 11,  
12, Volleyball 9, 10, Yearbook 9, Puff  
Captain 11, 12, Senior Leader 12, Golf  
Captain 12

#### Krin Huff

Jeromy Jackson CC 9, 10, 11, 12, Env  
Club 9, 10, 11, KK 9, 10, 11, Track 9, 10, 11,  
12, Vars 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 9, 10

Garry Jones B. Ball 9, Class Officer 12,  
Env Club 9, 10, 11, Football 9, 10, 11, 12,  
KK 9, 10, 11, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 11,  
12, Vars 12, Football Captain 12, Class  
Vice President 12, SADD President

#### Jacob Jones Choir 12

Cecilia Junflo-Serra B. ball 12, KK 12, P  
Puff 12, Sunshine 12, Exchange Student  
Jessi Jungels B. ball 9, For. Lang. 11, KK  
9, 10, 11, NHS 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10,  
11, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Vars. 12, Volleyball  
9, 10, 11, 12

#### Nina Kalzkowska

#### Maureen Keilman

Rachel Kikert B. Ball 9, 10, 11, 12, Class  
Officer 10, 11, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, For. Lang.  
9, 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12,  
Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12,  
SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Stu Co. 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Vars. Club 10, 11, 12

April Killion Choir 10, 11, 12, Drama 9,  
Sunshine 9, Yearbook 9, 10





Allison Kileck Choir 9, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Speech Team 9, 10  
 Melanie Klunder  
 Phillip Kmiec KK 9, 10, 11, TFC 12  
 Amy Krip Acad. Teams 11, 12, BPOA 11, 12, Choir 9, 11, For. Lang. 11, Mirage 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11

Patrick Koedyker Env. 11, KK 10, SADD 12, Stu Co. 11, 12, Science Olympiad 11, 12  
 Landen Krupchak Art Club 12, Golf 9, KK 9, 10, 12  
 Jennifer Kurovsky B. Ball 9, 10, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Tennis 9, Vars. 11, 12  
 Tabbitha Lane

Lauren Laski B. Ball 9, 10, 12, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 12, Env. 10, 11, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, For. Lang. 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co. 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12, Vars. 12  
 Jacob Lemmon  
 Benjamin Lewis  
 Holly Logan Art Club 9, 11, BPOA 12, Choir 9, 10, Drama 9, 12, Env. 10, KK 10, 11, 12, Mirage 12, Pathfinders 11, 12, Puff 12, Sunshine 9, 10

## Still a Kid at Heart

"When are you going to grow up?"

Went through one ear and out the other as seniors juggled the thin line between childhood and adulthood.

"Outside of work and school, I draw and play the saxophone because they just let me get away from everything. I live by the motto that says 'Don't take life so seriously, try to get the most out of it,'" said Cassy Dickerson.

For the typical 'kid at heart' something as simple as a day of sledding or a ghost and goblin filled night of trick-or-treating was enough to take the stress of responsibility and becoming an adult away for just a moment.

As adults, seniors took on the responsibility of balancing a checkbook and working a steady job. No matter what the situation, seniors seemed to always find a way to act like an adult, but still be a kid at heart at the same time.



1. Brian DeKock
2. Heather Drake
3. Stephanie Mann

By: Ashley Pierson

Steven Lowas FFA 10, KK 12, Pathfinders  
10, Soccer 9, 10, 12  
William Luckey Jr. KK 10  
Nicole Luedtke Art Club 9, Choir 9, 10,  
FFA 10, KK 9, 10, 11, P. Puff 12  
Thomas Luke



Loren Luzadder Baseball 9, B. Ball 9, KK 9  
Stephani Mann Art Club 10, 11, 12, Color  
Guard 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 10, 11, KK 9,  
10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 12, P. Puff 11, 12,  
SADD 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12  
Ashley Martin Drama 9, Env 9, 10, KK 9,  
10, 11, Sunshine 9, 10, Volleyball 9, 10, 11,  
12, Memory 9  
Steven Martin KK 9, 10, 11



Robert Mayerink Choir 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9  
Adam McDaniel B. Ball 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Football 9, 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, SADD 11,  
12, Track 10, 12, Vars. 12  
Micheal Mendez CC 11, Drama 12,  
Football 9  
Daniel Mendoza Baseball 9, 10, B. Ball 9,  
10, 11, 12, Track 11, 12, Senior Leader 12



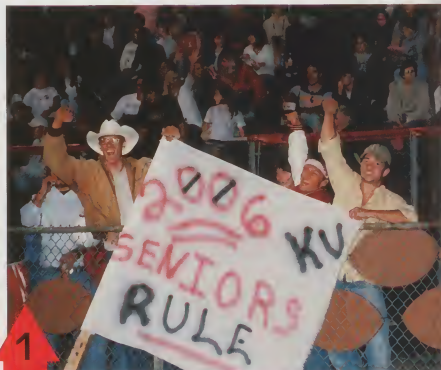
## *What brings you and your friends together like a family?*

"We talk about everything together. We get along well with each other and help each other out."  
**Brittany Patton**

"I would have to say that my friends and I are closest when we are on the soccer field. We play as a team and as a family."  
**Daniel Shadwell**

"Mostly just being together during sports and school brings us really close together. We end up learning a lot about each other and end up hanging out outside of practice."  
**Cassandra Coffey**

"The hurricane has made me realize how fortunate we are, and how thankful we should be for what we do have. My Health Occupations class and I have collected clothing for the victims."  
**Amanda Evans**



At Powder Puff, Seniors Ryan Hilton, Ryan Smetizer, and homeschooled Joshua Kuiper cheer on the senior girls as they beat the juniors to a 46-0 shut out.

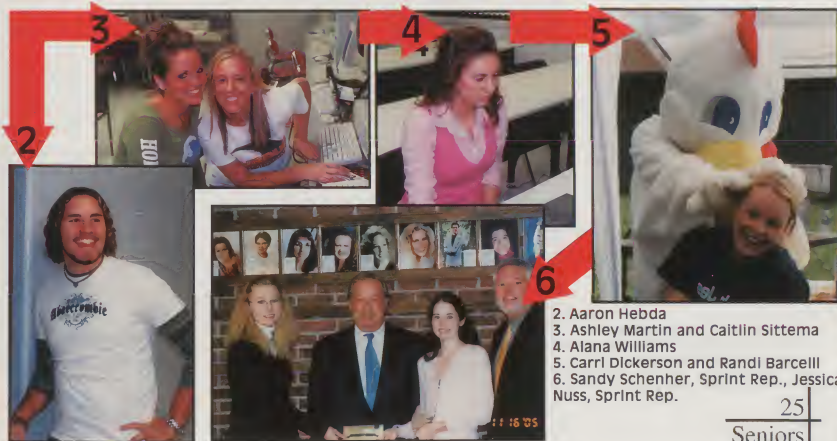




Amanda Mikuly Choir 10, 11, 12  
Christine Miles  
Ashley Miller Env Club. 10, KK 9, 10, 11,  
Sunshine 9, Yearbook 9, 10, 11  
Nicholas Miranda Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12,  
B. Ball 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, 10, KK 9,  
10, 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co. 11

Adam Misch FFA 9, 10, 11, 12, Football  
9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 10, Sentinel for FFA  
10, 11, Treasurer for FFA 12  
Katherine Misiak Band 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Color Guard 9, 11, Drama 11, 12, For Lang.  
10, Jazz Band 10, 11, 12, KK 12, SADD 11,  
Sunshine 10, 11, 12, Swimming 10, Wind  
Orchestra 10, 11, 12  
Jacob Mital FFA 9, 10, 11, Football 9, 12  
Samantha Moore

Elizabeth Moran Acad. Teams 12, Choir  
12, Color Guard 10, 11, FCA 9, 10, For.  
Lang. 9, KK 9, 10, 11, Orch 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Pathfinders 9, 10, P. Puff 11, 12, Quill &  
Scroll 12, Stu Co. 10, Swimming 9, 10,  
Yearbook 10, 11, 12, Yearbook Editor 12  
William Morenz  
Joshua Morris  
Andrew Mullins Band 9, 12, Jazz Band  
10, 11, 12, KK 9, Orch 10, 11, 12, Yearbook  
12, Senior Leader 12



2. Aaron Hebda  
3. Ashley Martin and Caitlin Sittima  
4. Alana Williams  
5. Carri Dickerson and Randi Barcelli  
6. Sandy Schenher, Sprint Rep., Jessica  
Nuss, Sprint Rep.

Ashley Murray KK 10, Pioneer 9, 10, 11, 12, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 12, Sunshine 9,10, Senior Leader 12  
Thomas Myers  
Eric Nieto For. Lang. 12, KK 12  
Mark Nikolas Baseball 9, 10, 11, Cheerleading 10, 12, FCA 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Vars. 12, Prayer Leader for FCA 12, Prayer Leader for See You at the Pole 12, Co. Capt. Vars. Lifter for Cheerleading 12



Jessica Nuss Class Officer 12, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Env 9, 10, 11, FCA 9, 10, 11, For. Lang. 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 10, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Orch 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12, P. Puff 11, 12, SADD 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, Stu Co. 9, 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama Club Pres. 12, Hoosier Girls' State 11, 12  
Carlin Oezer Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 9, 10, 11, Env 9, 10, 11, 12, For. Lang. 9, 11, KK 9, 11, Media 9, Puff 11, SADD 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Yearbook 10, 11, 12, Activities Ed. 11, Academics Ed. 12, Senior Leader  
Cole Patrick Baseball 9, 10, Class Pres. 10, CC 11, Env Club 10, 11, FCA 10, 11, 12, Football 10, Homecoming Court 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 12, Stu Co 10, 11, 12, Track 11, Vars 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12, Wrestling Capt. 11  
Sean Patrick



Brittany Patton KK 9, 10, 11, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Senior Leader 12  
Emily Penninga Acad. Teams 9, 10, 11, 12, Band 9, 11, FCA 10, 11, 12, For. Lang Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Mirage 9, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, Vars. 12, IU Honors Pgm 11, Sports Manager 9, 10, 11, 12, Ismael Perez Art Club 12  
Brandon Phillips Choir 11, 12, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Football Manager 10, Golf 9, KK 12



Ashley Pierson Choir 9, 10, 11, Drama 9, 10, KK 9, 10, Sunshine 9, 10, Tennis 9, Yearbook 9, 10, 11, 12, Yearbook Editor 11  
Shannon Pirlot  
Allison Plopper B ball 9, 10, Class Officer 11, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Peer Facilitation 9, 10, Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Vars 10, 11, 12, Sunshine VP 11, Sunshine Pres 12, Senior Leader 12  
Stephanie Poisel B Ball 9, FCA 9, 10, Golf 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, Sunshine 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12



Stacey Polomchak KK 11, 12, Sunshine 11, 12  
Alyssa Potts  
Kara Prentoski Choir 9, 10, 11, Drama 9, Env Club 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 10, 11, 12, Softball 9, 10, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Puff Capt 11, Senior Leader 12  
Jacob Pritt





Carly Rice Art Club 11, 12, Color Guard  
9, 11, Sunshine 9  
Joshua Richardson  
Robert Ridge Baseball 9, KK 9  
Thomas Riley

Steven Roelfs Band 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Drama 11, 12, Env Club 9, 10, For Lang  
Club 12, Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12, KK 9,  
10, 12, Drum Major 11  
Sarah Salamah Choir 10, 11, KK 10,  
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Yearbook 11, 12  
Anthony Sandefur  
Colin Serocinski



## *Lending a Helping Hand*

Service was the base of the Senior Class where combined efforts helped not only the freshmen through the Fundamentals program, but throughout the year as they addressed the fears of their very first finals and rewarded their successes.

"I tried to help freshmen by telling them the truth about what high school is really about and why it is so important to concentrate and do their homework. We did our Ice-Breakers which really helped me to get even more comfortable with my group of freshmen," said Cecilia Heckman.

In the community, seniors could be seen assisting neighbors. "During the winter, I usually help many senior citizens shovel their driveways. Helping out others is a really great feeling," said Benjamin Lewis.

From August 16 to June 4, the Class of '06 created memories for a lifetime in and out of high school as they helped out others in their surrounding communities.

1. Jessica Thys
2. Ryan Smeltzer, Brandon Phillips  
& Steven Roelfs
3. Ashley Tronjo
4. Kyle Turnpaugh & Lyle Shepherd
5. Exchange Students: Cecilia Junflo-Serra, Yu-Ying Chou,  
Nina Kalzkowskra, Rebecca Tortorella, Phillipe Honsberg

By: Ashley  
Pierson



Ulogan Serocinski Env Club 9, 10, 11, 12, For Lang Club 9, 10, 11, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, SADD 10, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Vars 9, 10, 11  
Daniel Shadwell FCA 9, 10, KK 9, 10, 11, SADD 9, 10, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Vars 11, 12, Soccer Capt 9, 10  
Heather Shaffer Softball 9  
Ruth Sharp SADD 12, Yearbook 12

Lyle Shepherd

Nathan Blake Simpson

Calvin Sittima Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12, Env Club 10, KK 9, 10, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12  
Ryan Smeltzer Class Officer 9, 11, CC 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 11, Env Club 9, 10, For Lang Club 12, Homecoming Court 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 11, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Vars 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 9, 10, Science Olympiad 10, 11, 12, Stu Co VP 11, Track Capt 11, CC Captain 12

William Stafford

Ashley Stansberry Color Guard 9, 10, Sunshine 9, Swimming 9

Benjamin Stein Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Class Officer 12, Env Club 10, 11, FCA 9, 10, 11, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, For Lang Club 10, 11, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Peer Facilitation 10, 11, Puff Coach 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, 11, 12, TFC 10, 11, Vars Club 11, 12, Football Capt 12, Kougat Kourt 10, Prom Committe 11, Sen Leader 12  
Johnathan Stokes Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Computer Club 10



*If you won \$100,000, what would you do with it and why?*

"I would go on a huge shopping spree, save some for college, buy a car, and invest the rest." **Samantha Conley**

"I would buy a house and then put the rest in the bank, because I want to have a good life." **Ashley Stansberry**

"If I won \$100,000, I'd buy myself, my mom, and my dad new cars. The rest I would put away for school." **Emma Cunningham**

"I would give money to wildlife preservation, buy a car, and give some to save the children." **Kim Berns**



Finalizing his math assignment, senior Christopher Walstra finds some much needed peace and quiet in the math lab. Mrs. Robert's help was there for any student needing math help during their study time.



**David Stump**

Brittany Sutton Env Club 9, 10, KK 9, 10, 12, P Puff 12, Softball 9, Sunshine 9, 12, Volleyball 9

Lucas Thomas Choir 9, 10, KK 10

Amanda Thompson FCCLA 11, KK 9,

Pathfinders 9, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12,

Tennis 10, Yearbook 9, 10, 11, 12, Memory 9, 10

Jessica Thys KK 9, 10, 11, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 10, Softball 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Track 9, 10, 11, Yearbook 10

Jeremy Tillema

Rebeca Tortorella Exchange Student,

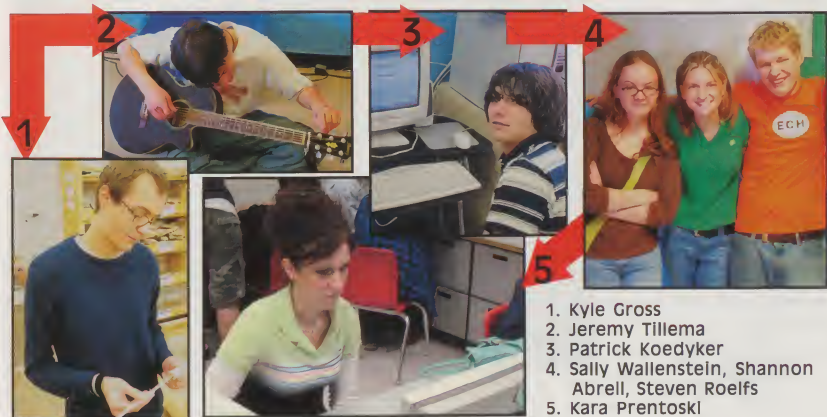
KK 12, P Puff 12, Sunshine 12, Swimming 12

Christina Travers Art Club 9, Yearbook 11, 12, Business Editor 12

Ashley Tronjo Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, For Lang Club 11, Homecoming Court 10, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 10, 11, 12, Softball 10, Sunshine 9, 10, Varsity Club 11, Cheerleading Capt 10, Prom Committee 11, Kougur Court 10, Senior Leader 12

Kyle Turnpugh Baseball 9, Football 9, 12 Slobhan Urbano BPOA 12, KK 10, 11, Sunshine 11, Yearbook 10, 11, 12, Yearbook Editor 12

Laura VanderLugt FCA 9, 10, For Lang Club 11, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 9, 10, Yearbook 9, Prom Committee 11, Senior Leader 12



1. Kyle Gross
2. Jeremy Tillema
3. Patrick Koedyker
4. Sally Wallenstein, Shannon Abrell, Steven Roelfs
5. Kara Prentoski

Jamie VanderMolen CC 10, 11, 12, Env Club 9, 10, 11, FCA 9, 12, For Lang Club 11, Homecoming Court 12, KK 9, 10, Puff 11, 12, SADD 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Vars 10, 11, 12, CC Captain 12

Ashley Vanderwoude  
Carmen Vankley For Lang Club 9, 10, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 12, Stu Co 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12

Zachary VanVuren Academic Teams 11, For Lang Club 10, 11



Jordon VanWien Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, B Ball 9, 10, 11, 12, Class Officer 9, Env Club 9, FCA 9, 10, KK 9, 10, 11, Pioneerz 10, 11, 12, SADD 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, 11, 12, TFC 10, 11, Vars 11, 12

William Wagner  
Sally Wallenstein Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 11, 12, Mirage 9, 10, NHS 10, 11, 12, Orchestra 12, Honors 11, NW Indiana Youth Symphony 12, IBA Honor Band 11, 12  
Christopher Walstra Cheerleading 10, 12, KK 9, 11, SADD 11, Stu Co 11



Amber Walters

Michael Warner Basketball 9, CC 9, Golf 12, KK 9, Track 10

Megan Wenger Puff 11, 12, Volleyball 9  
Jerica Whitlock Choir 9, 10, 11, Newspaper 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12



Matthew Wicker Acad Teams 10, 11, 12, Class Officer 12, Env Club 10, 11, For Lang Club 12, KK 9, 10, 11, NHS 10, 11, 12, Prom Committee

Mallory Wierzba B Ball 9, Class Officer 9, CC 9, Env Club 9, 11, 12, For Lang Club 9, 11, 12, KK 9, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 11, 12, Stu Co 9, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 11, 12, Track 9

Nachole Wildrick Sunshine 9  
Rachel Wilkinson For Lang Club 12, KK 12, Mirage 12, Orchestra 11, 12, Pathfinders 12, Sunshine 11, 12



Alana Williams B Ball 9, Env Club 9, 10, 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Homecoming Court 9, 12, KK 9, 10, 11, 12, Peer Facilitation 9, 10, 11, 12, Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, 11, TFC 9, 10, 11, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer Captain 12, Prom Princess 11, Homecoming Queen

David Williams Choir 12, Drama 12, KK 12  
Brian Winter

Darren Wireman Env Club 9, 10, 11, Golf 12, Homecoming Court 10, KK 9, 10, Track 10, 11, Wrestling 12





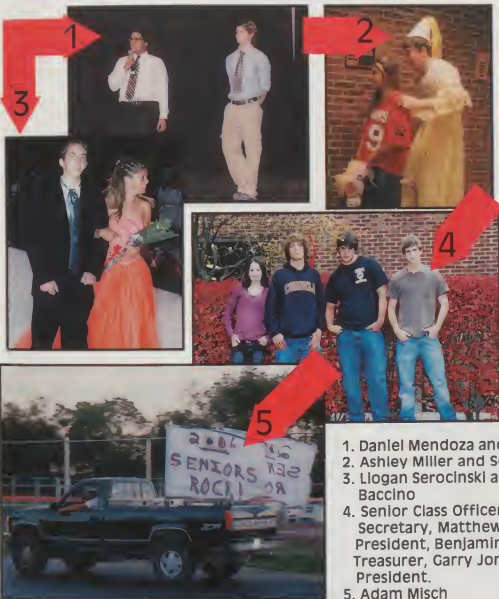


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Jazmyn Allen, Christopher Bell, Ronald Bretzinger, Marlicruz Gomez, Kyle Gross, Matthew Hamstra, Maria Hernandez, Troy Jackson, Daniel Jests, Cody Johns, James Kania, Lori Kappes, Anthony Maffitt, Ashlie Peterson, Patrick Prochno, Jesse Rios, Joshua Smith, Eric Sullivan, Michael Tholl, Michael Warner, Jessica Whitley, Brandy Wilkerson, Jonathan Wiltfang, and Joshua Zak

Nichole Wright Choir 10, 11, 12, KK 11, 12, Mirage 11, Newspaper 12, Pathfinders 11, Sunshine 12, Yearbook 12  
Greg Wyrick Football 9, KK 10, Pathfinders 9  
Nick Zarnowski Env Club 9, 10, 11, 12  
Simon Zarnowski Env Club 9, 10, 11, 12

Jason Zavala Acad. Teams 9, Drama 9, 10, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Homecoming Court 11, KK 9, 10, Newspaper 10, SADD 12, Speech Team 9, 10, Track 9, 10, 12, Vars 12, Wrestling 9, 10, 11  
Kevin Zuchowski Baseball 9, 10, FCA 9, 10, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Senior Leader 12  
Cheri Ammerman



### Seniors Say Goodbye

Graduation finally presented itself on June 4th in the form of red and black gowns. Hats flying and people cheering, 216 seniors celebrated and said goodbye to many of their friends. Four seniors stepped forward to lead the class and addressed the group at Graduation. They were President Matthew Wicker, Vice President Garry Jones, Treasurer Benjamin Stein and Secretary Jessica Nuss.

"Being President of the senior class has been a very rewarding experience for me. I could not have had better classmates," said Matthew Wicker. Senior Class Sponsors were Mrs. Patricia Price and Mrs. Kristi Slaby who organized the Graduation ceremony. During Homecoming Week, Alana Williams was crowned Queen and the Senior Class won the Spirit Stick.

"I always hoped that my senior year, we would win the spirit stick. When it was announced that we had won, I was amazed at how the whole senior class came together and celebrated this long awaited achievement," said Melanie Klunder.

1. Daniel Mendoza and Garry Jones
2. Ashley Miller and Sean Patrick
3. Llogan Serocinski and Destiny Baccino
4. Senior Class Officers: Jessica Nuss- Secretary, Matthew Wicker- President, Benjamin Stein- Treasurer, Garry Jones- Vice President.
5. Adam Misch

By: Elizabeth Moran

# Turning

## Legalizing the day

**C**elebrations were in store for Seniors reaching one of life's milestones, their 18th birthday. Not only did this day represent the proverbial emergence into adulthood, they could also legally buy lottery tickets, join the service, be sued, enter into a contract, vote, and get a tattoo or piercing without parental consent. "I registered to vote in my government class. It was really cool because it made me feel like an adult to be 18 and able to vote when the time comes," said Herlof Ted Hansen.

Finally, the saddest 18th was experienced by Amanda Thompson when her father forgot. "On my actual 18th birthday, my dad forgot. At first, I was really upset, but then I realized that even though one person forgot, so many other people remembered, and that's all that mattered. My dad apologized the next day, so that made it better," said Amanda.

Others like Lori Kappes enjoyed the special day. "My 18th birthday was probably one of the best days of my life. My friends and family made sure that it was a memorable day by throwing me a surprise party. I loved it!," said Kappes.

For other teens, turning 18 wasn't such a momentous event. "When I was about to turn 18, I was sad and emotional about it more than anything. I thought I was no longer going to be looked at as a kid, and my mom would make me take on more responsibility and not take care about me as much. Nothing changed. The only difference is now I have fewer limitations on what I can do than I had when I was 17," said Brittany Sutton.

Overall, seniors met many milestones during their final year of high school. Turning 18 was just one of the events that kept seniors on the edge of adulthood and their future.



Helping her date Daniel Shadwell fix his cufflink during the Sunshine Dance, senior Alicia Anderson laughs at the difficulty of the cuff. Alicia turned 18 on November 3rd and Daniel turned 18 on August 31st.

Practicing the hugging game for Freshmen Fundamentals, Senior Leaders Jessica Thys and Vanessa Acevedo hug one another. Jessica turned 18 on September 4th and Vanessa turned 18 on August 31st.







Senior Ashley Martin and Mrs. Martin



# Happenin' Highlights



By her 18th birthday on March 2, Emily Pennington had not only completed a semester of college, she had spent the previous summer touring Europe on the Indiana University Summer Language Program. Emily qualified in German and spent six weeks living with a family in Germany.



Senior year is filled with memories. Creating one with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Butch Jungels is Jessi Jungels. Jessi was being honored on Senior Night at the last home volleyball game of the season.



"When I turned 18, I had to go to school, but afterwards, my friends took me to Jungle Tattoo to get my first tattoo. I was so excited and scared. Once I got in there, and he started my star, I wasn't scared anymore. I'm really happy I did it," said Alicia Anderson.



Giving the camera a thumbs up for the Academic Decathlon Super Quiz, seniors Keith Hoffman, Royce Havens, and Brian Winter smile for the camera. The boys went on to compete at state in February. Keith turned 18 on May 23rd, Royce turned 18 on December 26th, and Brian turned 18 on April 6th.

During a golf practice, Coach Greenlee gives senior Katherine Hubbeling advice on her swing. Katherine turned 18 on December 3rd.

Far left: Showing off her tongue ring, senior Carrie Dickerson displays her pride in her tongue and nose ring. "I got my tongue pierced because I really wanted it done," said Dickerson.

# History

Chosen by her classmates, Olivia Ortiz represented the juniors on the Homecoming Court. She was escorted by Daryl Wood.

Junior class officers included Melissa Easto -treasurer, Hannah Birky - secretary, Kelsey Nannenga vice president, and Adam Bowman as president. "I chose to become a class officer because I wanted to give my input on how things were run. Also it looks really good on a college application," said Bowman. Juniors held a Santa Workshop on December 11 to raise money for Prom on May 13. Sponsors were Mrs. Jill Steiner and Mrs. Heather Carey.



Stevie Alexander  
Rojelly Almira  
Jodi Anderson  
Sheena Armstrong  
Sara Atchley  
Keith Axtell  
Robert Aysersman  
Joshua Bailei



Adam Barr  
Joseph Barrera  
Michael Beching  
Daniel Beedle  
Molly Bell  
Tara Bennett  
Frank Bestich  
Jacob Betts



Shawn Bick  
Cory Bifoss  
Hannah Birky  
Stephanie Boling  
Alexa Boring  
Adam Bowman  
Natalie Brasel  
Nicole Brown



Amber Broyles  
Lauren Brubaker  
Crystal Caballero  
Phillip Campbell  
Kevin Carlson  
Megan Carroll  
Merari Cazares  
Stacey Cencilon



Anastasia Christian  
Bruce Ciers  
Bethany Clark  
Wesley Clifton  
Christopher Cole  
Michael Collins  
Thomas Cooley  
Shane Coppotelli





By: Dayna  
DeVries

# Juniors

In her fourth hour English 11 class, Sara Atchley assists Mr. John Spinks in teaching the class about *The Great Gatsby*, which is required reading for all English 11 students. The Great Gatsby was about a man named Gatsby who believed that he could live in the past.

Class officers: Adam Bowman: president, Kelsey Nannenga: vice president, Hannah Birky: secretary, and Melissa Easto: treasurer.



Melissa



Benjamin Culpepper  
Jonathan Curry  
Patrick Cusack  
Timothy Cusack  
Melanie Daniels  
Brooke Davis  
Jennifer Davis  
Tonya Davis



Candace Defries  
Jeremiah Dempsey  
Trevor Demske  
James Denton  
Dayna DeVries  
Steven DeVries  
Matthew Dobin  
Angela Donis



Kelly Drake  
Tracie Duncan  
Jeremy Earl  
Melissa Easto  
Sarah Eich  
Nathan Epley  
Jacob Estrada  
Blanca Feldhaus



Andrew Fergusson  
Jacob Fernandez  
Kiah Fifield  
Crystal Flores  
Todd Floyd  
Maggie Forden  
Steven Forrestall  
Rebecca Fox



Mary Frederick  
Jessica Fritz  
Ceena Garcia  
Adam Garling  
Joshua Garrison  
Justin Caskey  
Steven Gillespie  
Amber Gooden



Heather Graham  
Erica Greenlee  
Karlene Gunter  
Elizabeth Gunzo  
Joshua Hall  
Bryan Hamm  
Brent Hamstra  
Shanndy Hanaway

Brittany Hancock  
Melissa Hasch  
Steven Hatch  
Crystal Herendeen  
Andrew Hershman  
Randall Hilton  
Emily Hinchey  
Travis Hoak



Brittany Hoffman  
Desiree Hornback  
Sarah Huff  
Samantha Ivanov  
Randee Iversen  
Amanda Jackson  
Nathaniel Jackson  
Anne Janavich



Cody Jansma  
Christopher Jenkins  
Marci Jenkins  
Amber Jestes  
Ashley Johnson  
Brian Johnson  
Kevin Johnson  
Brandon Jones



Bryan Jones  
Carianne Jones  
Ashley Jonkman  
Jason Kearney  
Ashley Keefer  
Krystal Keilman  
Edmund Kennedy  
Joseph Kent



Bradley Kerkes  
Jorie Kingma  
Kevin Klemp  
Maria Klingaman  
George Knoblock  
Derek Kunzman  
Daniel Kwasniewski  
Stephanie Landis



### *What is your biggest fear?*

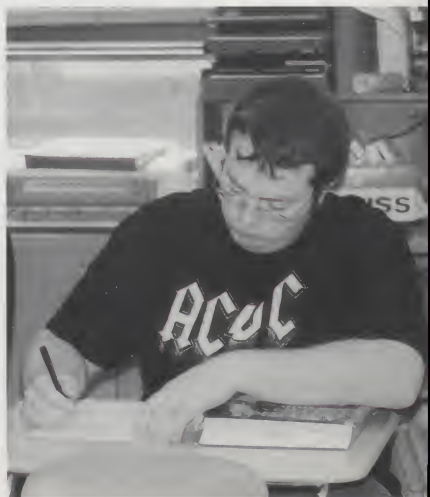
"I am really scared of singing in front of people by myself." **Geena Garcia**

"My first biggest fear would have to be spiders and great white sharks." **Jacob Betts**

"My biggest fear has to be the dark because you can't see anything that is around you." **Ashley Keefer**

"My biggest fear would have to be getting into another bus accident." **Steven Forrestall**

Filling out a survey for the yearbook, Jacob Betts helps the yearbook staff use the most updated information for their copy, yearbook depended on the students for good quotes.







Sean Landry  
Daniel Lewallen  
Matt Lewandowski  
Tiffany Livenood  
Charity Lloyd  
Kelly Loden  
Joshua Lotz  
Sarah Luttringer

Timothy Mandeville  
Lauren Marlatt  
Juan Marquez  
Joshua Marshall  
Brandy McCarty  
Heather McCauley  
Matthew McCoy  
Travis McDaniel

Timothy McGaha  
Courtne McGraw  
Andrew McKee  
Jennifer McMahon  
Jeffery McMillan  
Samantha Medina  
Mark Melton  
Edgar Mercado

Melanie Merryman  
Christopher Mestrovich  
Jenl Meyer  
Viviana Mijares  
Alex Mills  
Matthew Misch  
Michelle Moran  
Jennifer Moreno

Corey Morse  
Donny Myers  
Garrett Myers  
Joshua Nannenga  
Kelsey Nannenga  
Sean Nannenga  
Rick Newton  
Brittany Niemiec

Matthew O'Brien  
Kevin O'Neal  
Megan Odle  
Colleen Olive  
Matthew Oliver  
Johnathon Ooms  
Olivia Ortiz  
Matthew Patton

Writing a research paper for U.S. History class, Stephanie Rainwater finishes her paper. Stephanie had Mr. Vanderlaan for U.S. History.

Working in 4th hour C Study, Junior Phillip Campbell studies his English worksheet that was over vocabulary for Mr. Tim Adams Junior English Class.

By:  
Matthew  
Profrock



Thomas Peacock  
Matthew Peo  
Ana Perez  
Nicole Pilachowski  
Melissa Pilarczyk  
Jason Polomchak  
Matthew Proffrock  
Samantha Purinton



Stephanie Rainwater  
Brady Ramey  
Aleah Randolph  
Whitney Ravonec  
Breann Rentschler  
Cody Riley  
Tyler Ritchie  
Juan Rodriguez



Christine Roorda  
Ablgayle Sandonato  
Zachariah Schaefer  
Jacquelynn Scheidt  
Daniel Schmidt  
Alison Schultz  
Nathan Schultz  
Brittany Scott



Clint Seegers  
Cody Seegers  
Ryan Seitzinger  
Daniel Sharp  
Lindsey Shea  
Jacob Smith  
Travis Spencer  
Michael Staples



David Starzynski  
Emily Stein  
Nathanael Stoermann  
Courtney Stout  
Ryan Strandberg  
Elizabeth Studer  
Andrew Surber  
Clay Sytsma



## What is the best/worst thing about being a Junior?

"Being one year closer to graduating. The worst part is all the lost freshmen you have to put up with in the hall." **Emily Hinchy**

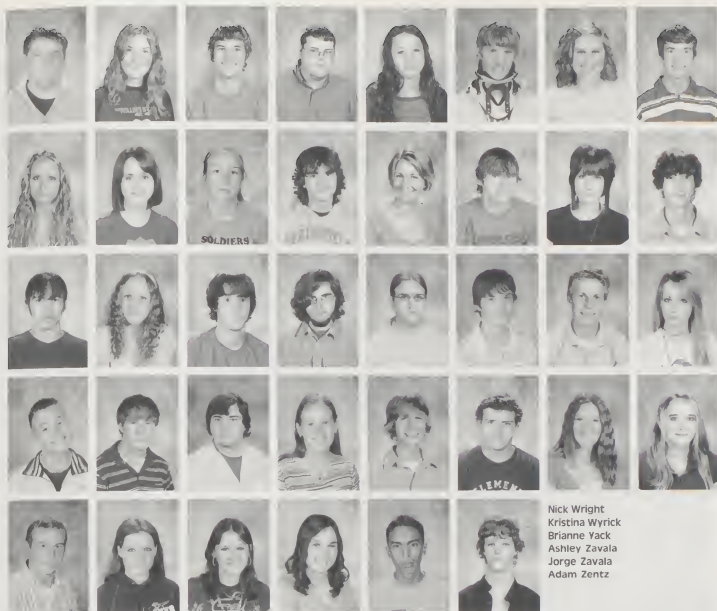
"You don't have to take I-step. The worst thing is that we have to do PSAT's" **Nathian Jackson**

"We know we only have one more year of high school left. The worst part about is how the homework has increased this year." **Kelly Drake**

By:  
**Carianne  
Jones**

Talking to Ms. Heather Lyons, Amber Gooden looks at the next play for the Powder Puff game. Ms. Heather Lyons was in her first year as coach.





Michael Szostek  
Stephanie Talarek  
Michael Terborg  
William Thomas  
Julie Tidwell  
Dean Tillema  
Elizabeth Tillemä  
Donald Tilley

Tiffany Tisdale  
Lindsey Tobias  
Nichole Tomaszewski  
Shane Tucker  
Morgann Vankley  
Joseph Verthein  
Anastasia Wagner  
Sean Warren

Christian Wease  
Elizabeth Weaver  
Evan Whitaker  
Timothy Whitaker  
Lawrence Whitford  
Jeff Whitlock  
Scot Wilder  
Jodi Williamson

Daine Willis  
Dustin Wilson  
Trent Wilson  
Angela Wood  
Daryl Wood  
John Wood  
Keely Woods  
Jessica Wray

Nick Wright  
Kristina Wyrick  
Brienne Yack  
Ashley Zavala  
Jorge Zavala  
Adam Zentz

### Not Pictured

Elijah Albrecht	Dale Peterson
Sam Bowen	Kyle Richardson
Jeremy Cocharon	Anthony Rodriguez
Darrin DeBold	Jared Sears
Stacey Disney	Samantha Sloan
Jeremy Frederick	Brad Stassin
James Huff	Ashley Thomas
Lois McGinnis	Melanie Valdez
Mark Mitchel	Bill VanderWoude
Marissa Peters	Justin Virgin
Andrew Peterson	



With a goal of House Construction in mind for her Senior year, Karleen Gunter works on a window for her model house project. Making a model was one of the projects in Construction Systems assigned during first semester.

## *How do you get around your parents and their rules?*

"As long as my mom knows where I am, and that I will be safe, she pretty much lets me do whatever I want. When she grounds me, she never sticks to it. I just bug her until she lets me off."  
Danielle Alcorn

"To get around my parents' rules, I have to lie. Even though lying is bad, if I didn't lie, I would not be allowed to do anything!"  
Kris Proud

"Getting around my parents is virtually impossible! They are extremely smart. They ask where I'm going, and they call the place where I am. I have learned just to tell them the truth. I get to go more places that way."  
Jessica Witvoet



Zachary Adams  
Danielle Alcorn  
Kelsey Allen  
Eric Alvarado  
Matthew Antkowiak  
Della Arizmendi  
Steven Arndson  
Jonathan Armstrong



Nathan Asbridge  
David Austin  
Joseph Barcelli  
Adam Betancourt  
Joseph Bicek  
Megan Bishop  
Daniel Blanton  
Ryan Boezeman



Peggy Boufis  
Jacob Bristol  
Tonya Brockway  
Sarah Brown  
Jessica Bryson  
Jennifer Bullard  
John Burton  
Alex Byers



Joseph Campbell  
Jordan Chops  
Thomas Clarich  
Todd Clark  
Eric Clarke  
Jonathan Clifford  
Brittany Coffey  
Steven Colbert



Allie Collins  
Jillian Conley  
Scott Conley  
Amanda Conway  
Amanda Cooper  
Kevin Corbett  
Daniel Correal  
Dale Crawley





# Sophomores



By:  
Amanda  
Ledger

Far left: Preparing for a test, Tasha Jones, Addie Zerkel, and Jeffery Mathis complete a worksheet over vocabulary for Mrs. Melodi Belei's sixth hour English class. Vocabulary was required.

During Mrs. Sherwood's fourth hour study time, Dustin Warner works hard to complete his algebra assignment. "I like having fourth hour study during D lunch. It gives me time to relax before I go to fifth hour," said Warner.



Dole Crego  
Zachary Crostreet  
Patrick Cruickshank  
Richard Culbreth  
Craig Curtis  
Chance Czarnacki  
Danielle Czlonka  
Michelle Dahn

Carissa Day  
Tara Deeter  
Jessica Dehning  
Alexander Delagarza  
Joseph Delgado  
Brandon Deyoung  
Mathew Dobos  
Daniel Donohoe

Carmen Dragu  
Heather Dulaney  
Julie Dykstra  
Salimvushin Erdenechimeg  
Robert Erwin  
Alan Estrada  
Eric Estrada  
Felicia Fahey

Andrew Farr  
Taylor Farrell  
Danielle Fasse  
Bethany Ferguson  
Joshua Fifield  
Chandra Flachsberger  
Michael Fletcher  
John Forden

Kristina Forrestall  
Alisa Fraticelli  
Shawn Freckleton  
Viviana Freygo  
Eric Fulkerson  
Danny Gant  
Adriana Garza  
Jessica Gaskins

Anna Gilbert  
Christopher Gillette  
Jasmine Glab  
Jared Colly  
Keith Gouwens  
Kent Greer  
James Guerrero  
Callie Guntz



Kayla Hale  
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Melissa Halloran  
Kristopher Garrison  
Meredith Hammons  
Julie Hamstra  
Kelli Hamstra  
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Samantha Hoak  
Julia Holm-Hansen  
Raechel Howard  
Daniel Hudspeeth  
Joshua Huhn  
Bradley Huke  
Elizabeth Hunt  
Michael Hunter



Gary Ison  
William Iversen  
Connie Janavich  
Danielle Jarrell  
Derek Jenkins  
Sarah Jiron  
Anthony Johnson  
Charles Johnson



### *What would you do for \$20?*

"I would go on stage and sing the ABC'S when dressed like Winnie the Pooh because it's the only thing worth doing for 20 bucks." **Amanda Keefer**

"Some things I would do for \$20 would be eat a bug, wear all my clothes inside out, and behave for 24 hours." **James Sholey**

"I would work for four hours with a 10 minute break and eat old candy." **Alex Delagarza**

Working in 4th hour B study, Jon Armstrong completes an Algebra 1 assignment. Jon had Mrs. Maureen Melton for Algebra 1.





Colton Johnson  
Tara Jones  
Devin Jordan  
Samantha Jordan  
Jacob Kaluf  
Holly Kampenga  
Nathan Kats



Nicholas Kearney  
Amanda Keefer  
Nicole Kerner  
Nicole Kinkade  
Christina Kittle  
Christopher Kittle  
Justin Klassen  
Rachel Koble



Jillian Kolb  
Jordan Kolb  
Nathaniel Kolp  
Aaron Kurowsky  
Alec Lamotte  
Phillip Laney  
John Lapota  
John Laski



Nicholas Leach  
Nathan Leath  
Amanda Ledger  
Lauren Leegwater  
Amanda Lemmon  
Katie Lewandowski  
Sarah Lidster  
Curtis Lintner



Sean Liston  
Sara Little  
Caitlyn Luckey  
Andrew MacKall  
Chester Magiera  
Amber Maginot  
Brittany Mann  
Samantha Maretich



Heather Marianowski  
Brooke Mathis  
Jeffrey Mathis  
Nichole McClellan  
Augustus McCloskey  
Billie McElroy  
Robert McKinney  
Cortnie McClellan



Listening to a book on tape, Danielle Jarrell finishes *The Great Gatsby* for Mrs. McKinney's Sophomore Honors class.

Filling out a survey for the yearbook, Della Arizmendi concentrates on the question that awaits her. The question that she answered was "What Would You Do for \$20?"

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Matthew  
Proffrock

Adam Mehay  
Jorge Mendez  
Katherine Mestrovich  
Rick Meyers  
Joseph Middleton  
Christopher Milbourn  
Candy Miller Wood  
David Mills



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Corey Molden  
Michael Molinaro  
Sean Monroe  
Jamie Moore  
Magen Moore  
Kathleen Morgan  
Jordan Murphy



Alexa Murray  
Vicki Murray  
Kyle Musch  
Heather Musch  
David Myers  
Kenneth Myers  
Laura Myers  
Morgan Myers



Gary Nava  
Rachael Neely  
Kevin Nelms  
Samuel Newton  
Mark Nikolaj  
Amanda O'Neil  
Katelyn Pajkos  
Brianna Patton



Alecia Penninga  
Kathleen Perry  
Clayton Prairie  
Monica Prentice  
Andrew Prentzki  
Keriny Proud  
Kristopher Proud  
Ryan Pruitt



Micah Roebel  
Thomas Ramsey  
William Recker  
Mark Reiss  
Jamie Reiss  
Lindsay Resner  
Tera Ritchie  
Dominic Robatto



## Not Pictured

Amanda Chops, Keith Hawkins, Carl Hazelett, Cameron Lovely, Ryan Lovely, Megan Martin, James Jones, Angela McGinnis, Kyle McKittrick, Lacie Melhart, Michael Michalski, Shannon Mihalovits, David Moore, Michael Ortiz, Kristopher Payne, Nico Prince, Ashley Reader, Jessica Saucier, Barbara Struble, Carl Weis, Joshua Whitaker, George Fullilove, Richard Granther, Matthew Smith

Working on unit conversions, Tonya Brockway figures the tables in her head. Conversions were used in both Physics and Chemistry.







Francisco Rodriguez  
Melissa Roldan  
Alyssa Ruthkay  
Kayla Sadowski  
Christina Saunders  
Brent Scamhorn  
Josiah Schaefer  
Rebecca Schliemann

Susan Schliemann  
Magan Schrombeck  
Jessica Schultz  
Taylor Scott  
Lindsay Seegers  
Brittany Shoemaker  
Brooke Shoemaker  
Ashley Sholes

James Sholey  
Matthew Simmons  
Lindsay Siltema  
Lindsay Skrabak  
Brittney Smiejek  
Timothy Smith  
Alisha Sonntag  
Devon Southard

Shane Sparger  
Hannah Sparks  
Patricia Speers  
Anna Stafford  
Aaron Stoermann  
Mitchell Sysma  
Thomas Terrell  
Andrew Tilema

Joshua Tilema  
Marissa Tilema  
Elizabeth Tilley  
Samantha Tinglof  
Jonathan Torbitt  
Rachel Uldriks  
Juan Urbina  
Derek Vandermolten

Katrina Vanderwoude  
Brittney Vires  
Dean Volk  
Peggy Walczak  
David Waistra  
Charles Ward  
Dustin Warner  
Shawna Watkins

Jacob Watts  
Garrett Waugaman  
Bradley Webber  
Joey White  
Britzney Whitman  
Ashley Wiggins  
Tiffany Wilson  
Stormy Wireman

Lauren Witt  
Jessica Witvoet  
Detra Wood  
Jonathan Yokovich  
Julian Zavala  
Adeline Zerkel  
Michael Zystra

## *Fresh New Batch*

New clothes, new fears, new everything dominated the class of 2009. Rebecca Crane said, "When I first walked into the school I felt nervous and scared because I thought this school was so big, but it's pretty small once you get used to it."

From May to August students had a chance to tour the school and located their classes, practiced opening their lockers, and had any questions answered by staff or administrators. After a semester, most noticed a big change from the middle school. Trisha Poisel said, "The biggest change is the high school day seems to go by faster."

Most students had heard warnings of an upcoming giant: finals. Teachers and senior leaders alike gave freshmen tips on how to study and what to study. Kourtney Frieden said "When I first heard of finals, I freaked out, but my teachers helped me to prepare, so there really was nothing to worry about at all." By June, teens were ready for the tenth grade.



David Abbott  
Brett Anderson  
Heather Anderson  
Taylor Anderson  
Craig Antkowiak  
Megan Axtell  
Michael Ayersman  
Trevor Bailey



Corie Barcus  
Jordan Barrett  
Samuel Bass  
Cameron Bell  
Chelsea Belt  
Ryan Bennett  
Scott Berns  
Toni Bianchi



Jake Birky  
Michael Blaskovich  
Jessica Bliss  
Gregory Boer  
Emily Boise  
Stephanie Bolisy  
Joshua Bolen  
Justin Boose



Jessica Bracher  
Daniel Breyts  
Joshua Broertjes  
Kelly Brown  
Michael Brown  
Tyler Buchanan  
Austin Call  
Jessica Call



# Freshmen

By: Greg Melton



Far Left: Talking to National Guard member, Eric Penn, Travis Hubbard and Trent Jackson discover the benefits of joining the National Guard. National Guard allowed teens to join at 17, but not be in active duty until 18. They also offered free college as a joining incentive.

Freshmen class officers:

Front row: Ashley Hudspeth: treasurer and Whitney Gladdis: secretary

Back row: Joshua Smith: President and Donald Capouch: vice president



Stephanie Cambe  
Donald Capouch  
Jessica Cazares  
Drew Cizar  
Amanda Colbert  
Dustin Cole  
Ashlie Collins  
Cheyenna Collins

Christopher Cooper  
Corey Coulter  
Erin Cowgill  
Tyler Cox  
Rebecca Crane  
Kayle Crouch  
Donovan Czarnecki  
Aliza Daniels

Jordan Davis  
Kristopher Davis  
Robbi Davis  
Dathan Debold  
Matthew Derries  
Kyle Dejong  
Anthony Delagarza  
Jennifer Denton

Joshua Denton  
Jacquelyn Devries  
Phillip Devries  
Monique Diaz  
Mark Dobin  
Jessica Dobson  
Danielle Donaldson  
Joseph Douglas

## The New Youth

Halls were busting with activity as the largest class ever to hit the halls entered on August 15. With a jump of over 50 students on the current seniors, the youngest Kougars energetically filled the cafeteria, the pool, and even the classrooms. There's a good majority of the 260 freshmen that found their classes very challenging. "High school is definitely a challenge. Everything is bigger and we're not at the top of the food chain anymore. Now, we have the seniors to look up to," said Matt DeFries about the first days of school.

"The freshmen were a very interesting group. I was very impressed with their enthusiasm and participation during the Homecoming festivities. I hope each freshman will continue to find their niche in the "Kougar Kingdom" and become a vital member of our student body, said Mrs. Kingma, the Freshmen Fundamentals director.

Involved, Jessica Middleton, Kyle Crouch, Bret Lott, Jordon Davis fill out a survey which asked them included demonstrations of what type of clothes students were not allowed to wear.



Lance Doyle  
Larissa Dragu  
Daniel Driscoll  
Amy Dykstra  
Christopher Earl  
Rebecca Eenigenburg  
Alma Espinoza  
Tara Fieldhouse



Adrienne Flick  
Bryce Fox  
Jakob Freville  
Kourtney Frieden  
Kaylie Fritts  
Lauren Gant  
Ashley Ganzeveld  
Megan Ganzeveld



Lawrence Gifford  
Andrew Gilbert  
Nicholas Gillespie  
Lauren Gilmore  
Whitney Gladdis  
Miranda Gonzales  
Kevin Griffith  
Ashley Gudorf



Erick Halaburt  
Brindy Hamstra  
Jessica Hamstra  
Lauren Hamstra  
Kaitlyn Hansen  
Paige Hardin  
Brittany Heerema  
Erica Helms





# Freshmen



By:  
**Magen  
Moore**

Known for her upbeat personality, Amber Passuello said, "I don't let anything get to me. If I complain, it doesn't help me any."



Vincent Helton  
Cayla Hensel  
Chelsea Hensel  
Jeremy Hepworth  
Itzel Hernandez  
Francisco Herrera  
Jennifer Herrshman  
Jessica Higerson

Bradley Hoffman  
Michael Hoffman  
Kaitlyn Howard  
Travis Hubbard  
Ashley Hudspeth  
Chantal Huff  
Michael Huff  
Aaron Jabaay

Joshua Jackson  
Trent Jackson  
Jeffrey Jansma  
Elise Jolink  
Abigail Jones  
Aaron Kanluk  
Brent Kikkert  
Ryan Kikkert

Stephanie Kingma  
Jessica Knoblock  
Julia Kowalewski  
Jennifer Landry  
Jeffrey Laski  
Jessica Lawrence  
Jennifer Lawson  
Candace Leegwater

Ashley Lemmon  
Jenna Lewandowski  
Britta Longstreth  
Bret Lott  
Mathew Lovely  
Tanya Lynch  
Adam Mandeville  
Derek Mann



Kimberly Marelich  
Austin Marlett  
Brandon Marlett  
Timothy Marse  
Branden Martens  
Trevor Marvin  
Andrew Matson  
Michael Maxey



Shawn McDaniel  
Timothy McDaniel  
Heather McMillan  
Johnny McPeters  
Clifford Meadows  
Nichole Mehay  
Gregory Melton  
Jessica Middleton



***What are your biggest phobias  
about growing up?***

"Having no one around to care for me. I think no one should not be loved; no matter who they are." **Trisha Steveson**

"When I live on my own, I am going to have to kill spiders...and I don't like spiders." **Lauren Wierzbza**

"The fact that nobody is around to help me if I get confused on what to do." **Trevor Marvin**

"I am scared of sleeping, then waking up, and having a stranger standing alongside my bed." **Erick Halaburt**

"Dying, because I won't be able to see my friends and family." **Aaron Kanuik**

Standing in a circle on the floor, members of the Lumberjacks learn the fundamentals of being a freshman on their first day. Seniors focused on dress code, electronic regulations, and relationship rules with the new Kougars during the opening program.



**By:  
Greg  
Melton**



Matthew Misch  
James Morrow  
Nicholas Newcomb  
Ashley Nichols  
Robert O'Connell  
Heather Ossmann  
Colin Paschke  
Amber Passuello

Emily Peregrine  
Jennifer Perov  
Kerri Persson  
Amanda Peters  
Trisha Poisel  
Kale Popp  
Rebekah Postma  
Jaime Quillen

James Remmers  
Kyle Rench  
Alyssa Rentschler  
Daniel Rescan  
Christopher Reynolds  
Riley Reynolds  
Sarah Rudelius  
Holly Salerno



With a wave to the crowd, Freshmen Homecoming Prince Escort Donovan Czarnecki and Princess Ashley Vankley enjoy a wonderful evening that includes a marching band at half time, followed by the second half of the Homecoming game. Ashley was chosen by her peers to represent her grade.

Erica Saliga  
Robert Saltarski  
Tyler Sandberg  
Daniel Sandefur  
Cameron Sanders  
Nicolette Scally  
Christopher Schiavone  
Ashley Schmuecker



Mark Schultz  
Derrick Sears  
Dustyn Seegers  
Leah Shanks  
John Shebesh  
Erika Shoemaker  
Tiffany Siffr  
Leighann Skratsky



Joshua Smith  
Lucas Smith  
Alexander Sowa  
Stephanie Spauli  
Ethan Sparger  
Theresa Srebalus  
Cheyenne Starkey  
Miranda Steele



Trisha Steveson  
Philip Stewart  
Whitney Studer  
Austin Suprenant  
Jacque Szczerba  
Marissa Talarik  
Kendra Terborg  
Kelsey Tillama



*What advice would you give  
to incoming freshmen?*

"It's cool to mess around and have fun, but it's also really important to get good grades."  
**Jordan Davis**

"It's necessary to be prepared."  
**Chloe Wallenstein**

"My best advice is try to stay as organized as possible, and make a lot of friends." **Paige Wireman**

"Always be yourself, do what you like. Even if your friends might not be involved in the same activity, you will find new friends and have tons of fun along the way."  
**Stephanie Kingma**

Listening to their Senior Leaders instructions at Freshmen Fundamentals, Brett Anderson and Mark Dobin strategize on how they are going to win the next game. Teens played the knot and hugging game as an ice breaker.







Tiffany Todd  
Abby Tognarelli  
Matthew Tomaszewski  
Kyresten Tompkins  
Steven Travers  
Alyssa Tronjo  
Kelly Urbano  
David Vandenburg



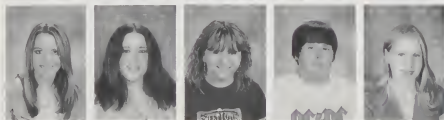
Kelsey Vankampen  
Ashley Vankley  
Taylor VanVuren  
Jaime Vargas  
Samantha Vargas  
Amanda Villalpando  
Jordan Wallace



Chloe Wallenstein  
Zachary Waters  
Tyler Way  
Carolyn Weaver  
Madison Wedding  
Charles Wheat  
Brittany White  
Kyle Whited



Walter Wiens  
Lauren Wierzbza  
Blake Wiggins  
Anais Wilhelm  
Brian Wilkinson  
Cory Williams  
Justin Williams  
Jordan Williamson



Jamie Wireman  
Paige Wireman  
Stephanie Wright  
Joshua Yurko  
Pamela Zuchowski

#### Not Pictured

Derek Bobby, Courtney Caver, Hannah Cavinder, Joseph Chernosky, Richard Chiattello, Christopher Collins, Mark Cunningham, Jordan Groves, Matthew Hanley, Joshua Huffstutler, Andrew Ketchem, Jeffrey Kollada, Charles Lovely, Daniel Messmaker, William Morrow, Jennifer Nee, Cesar Ontiveros, Michael Orsburn, Carol Palmer, Jesus Perez, Phillip Perry, Donald Ruppert, Julio Torres, Michael Vorderer, Ryan Wood.

By: Siobhan  
Urbano, Sarah Salamah,  
and Greg Melton



Chatting with his friends at lunch, Kevin Griffith sits next to senior Heather Drake. Knowing an upperclassman often helped teens have an easier adjustment to high school life.

Tim Adams  
English  
Phillip Apple  
Principal  
Melodi Belei  
English  
Matt Bristol  
Tech Asst.  
Heather Carey  
French  
Hailee Chicki  
English



Anna Daniels  
ISTEP  
Bill Darnell  
Choir  
Gayle DeVries  
At Risk  
Shelia DeYoung  
Treasurer  
Terrie Dickerson  
Aide  
Connie Dolan  
Sp. Needs Aide



Linda Dusek  
Sports Secretary  
Elaine Dykstra  
Indian Trails Aide  
Kathy Eckert  
English  
Paul Epley  
Special Needs  
Terri T. Forehand  
Health Occ.  
Jennifer Geiselman  
Technology



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Business  
Nancy Gluth  
Alt. School Aide  
John Gray  
Math  
Doug Greenlee  
P.E./Health  
Tressa Groat  
Home Ec.  
Sue Hanley  
P.E./Health



## *Fighting for free time*

Between grading endless piles of homework and working on future lesson plans, it seemed impossible that teachers could have had lives outside of school.

Who would have believed that our very own Ms. Nancy Klockow would have been working with the Jasper County Coroner's Office in her spare time? "At the moment, I am working on three cases of unidentified males in their early to mid 20's. Each case is over 20 years old, and we believe that they are all closely related," said Klockow.

"I got into doing facial reconstruction because I wanted to help families find missing family members and give them closure. If I can use my skills to help someone, then I am more than happy to do it," said Klockow.



Stopping from her busy day to take a picture, Ms. Klockow discusses spending her free time working with the Coroner's Office on cases involving unidentified

skeletons. By taking the remains and some clay she learned to remold the face to look similar to what she believed the person would have looked like.



Bob Held  
Tech Director  
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Special Needs  
Ron Hine  
Technology  
Herald Hostetler  
Math  
Karan Howard  
Math  
Steve Inman  
Technology/FFA

Barb Jackson  
Special Needs  
Kevin Kaluf  
Technology  
Tara Kingma  
English  
Nancy Klockow  
Fine Arts  
Jill Kozak  
Attend Secretary  
Gloria Kreischer  
ESL Aide

Mark Ladd  
Math  
Mary Lunde  
Guidance  
Heather Lyons  
Spanish  
Steve Maple  
Science  
Julie Martin  
Sp. Needs Aide  
Kay Masten  
German

Ron McAtee  
Media Specialist  
Mike McKay  
Technology  
Kathy McKinney  
English/Jour  
Stan McQuinn  
Science  
Maureen Melton  
Special Needs  
Jeff Mengel  
Technology



Bill Orsburn - Director of Finance



Dr. Glen Kruege - Superintendent

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Carlin

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Special Needs  
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Science  
Pat Price  
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Science  
Shella Shields  
Sp. Needs Aide



## Back in the Day

Can't wait to get out of this place? Well that's what some former students thought, but then they returned to teach.

Some of our favorite teachers such as Ms. Hallie Chicki, Mr. Kevin Kaluf, Ms. Karen Howard, Mr. Bill Shepherd, Mr. John Price, and Mr. Mike Peo, all came back to the halls where they once walked as students to become the teachers whose yells echoed in the halls as you ran to get to class.

"When I came back to KV, I realized how much more different the school was now than when I graduated. It seems like when I was at KV, everyone had a lot more school spirit than the students do now. One problem that didn't change is the school dress code," said Peo.

So you still want to leave? Well be careful, because one day you may return to teach.







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Paul Smirga  
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Donna Sohn  
Study Hall Aide  
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Mary Spurgeon  
Guidance Sec.  
Ken Steidle  
Band Director  
Lottie Stein  
Sp. Needs Aide  
Jill Steiner  
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Kevin Stephens  
P.E./Swimming  
Dennis Sterrett  
Science  
Sandy Tiemans  
Pianist  
Debbie Turpin  
Secretary  
Nancy Valenkamph  
Sp. Needs Aide  
John Vanderlaan  
Social Studies  
Melissa Whicker  
Guidance  
James Wickstrom  
Alternative Sch.  
Dirk Weiner  
Sp. Needs Dir.  
Gail Woolever  
Art  
Diana Zacher  
Business  
Donna Zuchowski  
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Carol Deardorff

Carol Risner

Jerry McKim-Assistant  
Superintendent &  
Transportation  
Director



School Board: Row 1: John Spurgeon, John Heerema, Tim Belstra. Row 2: Robert Misch, Bill DeVries, John Jungles, Barbara Peregrine.

Cafeteria Workers: Row 1: Bobbie Ketchum, Barb Matusiak, Cheryl Mosher (day janitor), Kim Starkey. Row 2: Debbie Recker, Kathy Ferguson, Jean Kosik, Gladys Mathias, Julie Gooden, Donna Jonkman, Linda Hazelgrove, Sue Christopher. Row 3: Gloria Sullivan, and Connie Altman.



By:  
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Staff

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1. Heather Music, Katherine  
Mestrovich, Mrs. Kay Masten,  
Kaitlyn Pajkos  
2. Emma Cunningham  
3. Danielle Fase

4. Eric Sullivan  
5. Loren Luzzader  
6. Jessica Bracher  
and Mrs. Judy Roberts



# *This is our...* **Priority**

From calculating slope downstairs to conjugating verbs up in the foreign language hall, students shuffled from class to class anticipating their next assignment. For teenagers, academics was supposed to be the reason we showed up, our **Priority**.



In some classes, such as Health Occupations or Law Enforcement, homework was rare. Visiting hospitals or participating in a gun simulation was what proved the students had learned their material. "Health Occupations was very interesting, especially when I got to go to a dentist's office because I want to be a dental hygienist," said senior Ann Dykstra. During speech classes, students learned that details mattered in a demonstration speech when they witnessed Mrs. Hallie Chicki throwing eggs at the wall while being told how to cook scrambled eggs. Overall, staying focused was made easier by projects and hands on activities which were a **Priority In The Valley**.



## Enjoying the World of Art



"I look forward to Mrs. Klockow's Fiber Arts class every day of the week. Making the different jewelry and baskets is something I love to do. They're just so much fun to create!" said sophomore Callie Guritz.

"Making clay beads for the necklaces was an interesting and exciting process, and, in the end, they came out great!" said sophomore Lauren Hale.



"While I was in Mrs. Miller's Ceramics class, I made many containers, such as a clay bowl and a clay box. Here, I was using a paintbrush and water to smooth out my clay box," said senior Joshua Smith.



During Computer Graphics, junior Matt Lewandowski creates a time lapse. A time lapse was a movie in which an important event was shown in high speed.

Right: Concentrating on finishing his necklace, junior Steven Hatch adds beads. "I took this class because my guidance counselor told me it would be fun."







Bethany Niemiec

**P**erhaps the most unsupported, yet most enjoyed, section of academics were classes in the Art

Department. "I took Ceramics because it looked like it would be a fun class, and you get to make different things you can use in real life, or you can give your finished project to someone as a nice gift," said junior Bethany Clark.

Many students enjoyed the various hands-on art classes. Unfortunately, the Art Department did not receive the financial support it required, leaving the teachers to pay for many of their art supplies, costing them about \$1000 every year. Mrs. Klockow was the sole provider for the computer graphics software. She was able to obtain grants and acquire funds from the Art Club to purchase the computers needed.

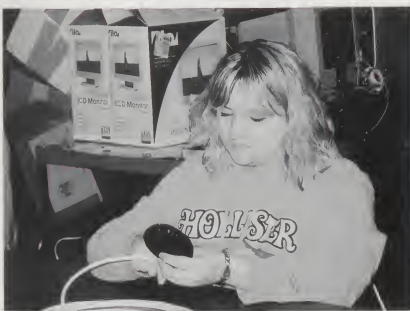
Despite the lack of money, many students flocked to these relaxing classes, favoring the informal teachings of art over the stricter lecturing of the required classes. The teachers also loved their classes. Mrs. Woolever said, "I really enjoyed teaching high school kids because they are fun and have such good ideas." Altogether, art classes were a great way to mentally unwind and create wonderful works of art.



Creating a gingerbread house in 3-D Art class, senior Robert Ridge puts frosting on the roof of his house. He used licorice, gumdrops and candy canes for decorations.

Above left: Seeing her dragon come alive, senior Ashley Murray paints her dragon sculpture. She was an independent student in 3-D Art, and created this papier mache dragon as her project.

By: Melissa Pilarczyk



Focused on her basket in Mrs. Klockow's Fiber Arts class, freshman Stephanie Wright begins her new project. Creating these baskets required wrapping yarn around rope and forming it into a basket.

# Business for Life



"Business is good because if you want to get somewhere in life, you need to have business skills because business is around us every day." **freshman Bret Lots**

"What I like about Business Tech Lab: One is that you get to do all kinds of things with computers. Two, it teaches you to get along with others a lot more." **junior Ashley Zavala**



"Business is influential in my life because it's everywhere around us: school, gas stations, and restaurants. It is all business that influences our lives from day to day." **senior Rachel Kikkert**



As another school production approaches, Mrs. Ginzer's Sports Entertainment Marketing class works to make posters and banners to announce the school plays. Junior Cory Bifoss, makes the finishing touches to his banner for the upcoming school production of *Beauty and The Beast*.

Upper Right- As Mrs. Ginzer roams the room, senior Jamie VanderMolen receives help in accounting. After correcting the checkbook, she went on to the next workbook problem.

By Kimberly  
Berns





**A**s the need for young business professionals arose, Mrs. Diana Zacher and Mrs. Lynn Ginzer prepared students

for the real business world offering classes in Personal Law, Business Law, Keyboarding, Computer Applications, Business Foundations, Business Tech Lab, and Sports Entertainment Marketing. All computer classes were now the responsibility of the business department after a new state mandate.

These classes taught students a variety of lessons and important information from preparing secretarial documents, learning to talk business with others, and balancing the checkbook and finances.

"I chose to take a business class because I plan on entering into a business career. I feel that it can give me helpful information that will stay with me even after I graduate," said junior Jeffrey Whitlock.

Along with teaching about the business world, these classes all taught and stressed that working together is a fundamental value in making business work and getting tasks accomplished in an orderly manner.

Other essential values in making business work included communication, attendance, and honesty. "Without any of these components any type of business work would be impossible," said senior Kimberly Berns.

"If we don't work together in the business world, we will never make any progress. It is important for everyone to be a team player in whatever field of work in order to accomplish whatever it is they have," said senior Jazmyn Allen.



Sitting quietly in Mrs. Zacher's class, freshman Kevin Griffith tries to complete his timed writing. The timed writings tested GWAM (gross words a minute). In order to improve his grade, Kevin had to increase his GWAM score which was 28.

# Changes/Impacts?



"While I was in Theater Arts, I learned about how much work it takes to put a play together. I never realized how much everyone has to do to make a good production," said **senior Rachel Kikkert**.

"Theater Arts has made me be able to be in front of an audience and have confidence. It's a lot of fun since you don't do it everyday. It provides such a rush just putting yourself out there," said **junior Christine Roorda**.



"Theater Arts has allowed me to be more comfortable on-stage, and to better express myself. This class has definitely lived up to all the hype surrounding it. It never gets old," said **sophomore James Guerrero**.



Portraying Mary Jane in "Rice Pudding", senior Rebeca Tortorella pouts and throws a tantrum like the little girl she is playing. "Theater Arts has made me see how difficult it is acting, but I still love putting on different kinds of makeup and meeting a variety of people," said Tortorella.

Far right: Patiently waiting for her turn to speak, senior Ahn To and sophomore Felicia Fahey open their binders at the right time. When it was their turn to provide the sound effects, the actors opened their binders and looked up to emphasize their part in the play.

Upper right: While hiding in a log from Tigger (junior Sean Warren, third from left), senior Cecilia Junflo-Serra and sophomores Thomas Ramsey and Sara Littlecrouch beneath their binders to avoid his bouncing.



By: **Melissa Pilarczyk**



# In the Spotlight



Any student would tell you that they preferred the fun and excitement of Theater Arts to the pointless

ramblings of teachers in the required classes. "Theater Arts has shown me that school isn't just about books, it's about having fun and not being bored," said junior Sean Warren.

Many of the Theater Arts projects were far from boring. They included "The Competition Piece", "The Adding Machine" and a music video as their final project. "Disobedience," "Rice Pudding" and "Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too" were part of the Reader's Theater program. Performing for the entire school helped to inspire confidence in the students with the positive feedback. "The confidence you get from being on-stage is something you can use in every profession," said senior Cecilia Junflo-Serra.

Many of the students received much from Theater Arts. "I was never much of an actor, but this class has shown me that no matter what you do, it can be done in style and art," said junior Nathanael Stoermann. Theater Arts was a great class to take to help you in all areas of your life.



In "The Adding Machine", juniors Ashley Thomas and Nathanael Stoermann portray the two lead characters. The play revolved around a husband disgruntled about his horrible job and a wife who was unhappy because her husband was unhappy.



Finally getting the opportunity to speak, senior Lauren Laski adds her voice to the others providing the minor character roles. She also contributed to the scary woodland noises in "Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too".



Separated from the men, sophomores Elizabeth Hunt, Anna Stafford, seniors Sarah Salamah, Cecilia Heckman, and junior Emily Stein have their own party for the girls during "The Adding Machine". They talked about their families, clothes and life in the high-class society. Every so often, they froze and appeared as mannequins while the men talked.

## Favorite Memory?



"It's not my favorite memory, but we were playing a review game in French when Andrew Surber and I knocked heads. I had a huge bump on my head," said **junior Elizabeth Guzzo**.

"When we went to the Brahaus for foreign language club, it was the first time that I had gone on a field trip with my class. I enjoyed our time together," said **freshman Jessica Cazares**



"One of my favorite memories from Spanish was when we played games. I also liked learning the language because it was like a new experience," said **sophomore John Forden**.



Showing off their Spanish dances in Ms. Heather Lyons class, senior Mallory Wierzb and junior Elizabeth Weaver present the Tango in front of their classmates. Everyone in third year Spanish classes was put into groups of two and assigned to a specific dance.



Playing a game to help celebrate the German holiday Octoberfest, juniors Angela Donis and Timothy Mandevill pass a cottonball to each other using straws. All the German classes had a party with food, games, and music to help celebrate the Fall festival.

While on a field trip to the Brahaus Restaurant in Chicago, sophomores Jessica Bryson, Justin Klassen and Bethany Ferguson enjoy the atmosphere. In addition to authentic German food, the students browsed in the local shops.

Getting doused with water by juniors Emily Stein and Rojelley Almira, junior Christine Roorda acts out their skit during French III. The skits were about weather. The girls also showed snow.



Exploring new horizons was only one of the things that students did in foreign language classes.

Third year Spanish studied Spanish dances and then presented them in front of the class. "Doing Spanish dances was a lot of fun, but it was really hard. It sometimes made you get close to someone you didn't know very well. It was awkward at times," said senior Brian Winter.

Spanish classes weren't the only ones that had fun. German classes celebrated Oktoberfest with a party, and French classes presented skits to help them understand their French lessons.

"We do a few skits in French. They're a lot of fun, but sometimes you dread going up in front of the class and presenting them. You feel like what you're saying might not be right or make any sense," said junior Stephanie Talarek.

Skits, parties, games and many other creative ideas were used to help students get more involved with their lessons. It also helped students to think outside of the box and teach their classmates as they learned the culture and words of a second language.



Putting frosting into bowls, Ms. Kay Masten hands out the bowls to students so they could decorate heart shaped cookies. They also decorated the boxes with a poem and three words about Valentine's Day.



While in Spanish class, freshmen Ryan Kikkert and Kyle DeYoung play a friendly game of checkers to help pass the time during their study time. Students had the option of either playing a game or working on their homework during their given study time.

# Roaring 20's



Junior Rebecca Fox hosted the 1920's **Great Gatsby Show** for the junior English classes. "It was a lot of fun hosting the 1920's Speak easy. It was jazzy!" commented Fox.

"Covering songs with instruments and vocals was a big part of the **Great Gatsby Show**. We had fun remaking a 1920's music scene with the song "Zoot Suit Riot," commented junior Matthew Patton.



Some students really got to show their own singing talents off. "I sang a song from the 1920's called **Summertime**. Everyone there seemed to really like it," said junior Elizabeth Guzzo.



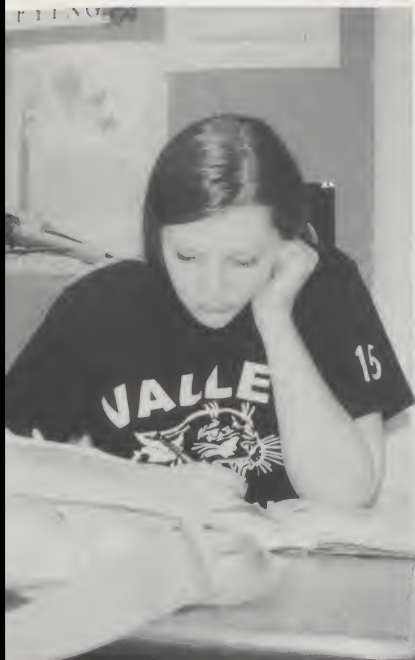
Writing an English essay, junior Anastasia Christian works hard to get her work in on time. Juniors read various stories including "The Crucible" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."



Senior Kyle Gross gave a demonstration speech on the drums by bringing his own set in and playing a simple beat for Mrs.

Chicki's advanced speech class. "Nothing beats playing the drums in front of a crowd. It's the most fun you'll ever have," said Gross.





Passing time in their senior English class Seniors Jessica Thys and Heather Drake goof off coloring in the cow's horns that was in a toilet paper roll.



Literature, dramatic

plays, and exciting demonstration speeches were what kept English alive. Mrs. Jill Steiner led

the Senior dramatic literature class. Senior David Stump commented, "I learned about all of the different aspects of various plays and play writers."

Mrs. Melodi Belei's Sophomore English class studied Medieval times and watched "King Arthur." The class participated in various projects including post cards, pictures, and stories. "We've done a lot of Medieval things. It's a lot of fun to learn about stories that most of the world has read," said sophomore Amanda Bowen.

Throughout the Department, the pages of the book came alive through multimedia presentations. Mrs. Tara Kingma's freshmen wrote stories about past experiences and later put them together to make their own autobiographies.

Mrs. Hallie Chick's juniors and Mrs. Kathy McKinney's sophomores read "The Great Gatsby" and proceeded to create a Roaring 20's fashion show, mob reenactment, food booth, and gaming tables in the Media Center. Students raised \$40 from the food booth, which was donated to Mr. Epley's Katrina Animal Fund.

Taking notes during a lecture was nearly an every day thing for many Juniors, including Sarah Atchley and Brittany Scott for Mrs. McKinney's English 11 class.



"Mrs. McKinney's English class was harder than my first semester English class. Her class challenged me to work harder, and understand things better," said junior Olivia Ortiz.

Why did you decide to take a career class?



"I decided to take ICE because it gave me the opportunity to leave school early to go and work and also to get credit for the work that I do," said **senior Ashley Pierson.**

"I decided to take the class, computer repair to further educate myself on computers and also on computer applications," said **senior Eric Nieto.**



"I chose to take Health Occupations because I decided that it would be a great experience for the career that I have chosen to do," said **senior Shannon Pirlot.**



After handing out brochures on pregnancy, seniors Amanda Evans and Ashley Antkowiak take a break to eat lunch. Students who were in the Health Occupations class had a health fair in the cafeteria to help inform their fellow classmates on some serious subjects.



Using the techniques that he learned from Mrs. Jennifer Geiselman, senior Greg Wyrick takes apart a computer modem. Everyone in the class had the chance to take apart a computer and put it back together.

By: Carlin Oezer



Discovering the working world, career classes took field trips to a prison, learned how to make a resume, visited surrounding hospitals, and also learned how to take apart and reassemble a computer.

"We took a field trip to a local prison for Law Enforcement class. It was really weird because it showed you up close and personal how a real prison system works," said senior Brandon Phillips.

Not only do you get hands on training for your future, but the career classes also helped prepare teens for the college courses. Jeromy Jackson, who took computer repair under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer Geiselman, passed the test to receive a Certified Tech Certificate.

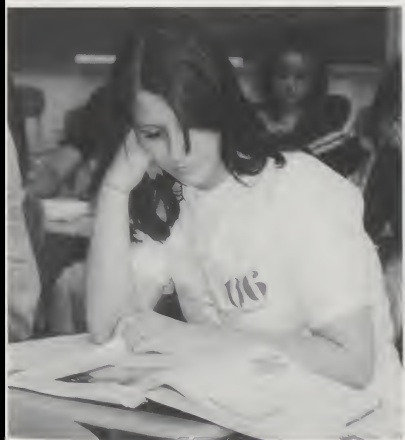
"If you don't like what you're experiencing now, you won't have to waste your time in college," said senior Miranda Green. "It also teaches you to appreciate the people who help you back to health," said Green.

Perfecting her techniques, senior Carrie Barrera practices the correct way of giving CPR. Everyone in the class was taught how to correctly perform CPR and how to correctly give rescue breaths to someone who is unconscious or not responding.



Practicing on how to correctly hold a baby, Senior Zachary VanVuren holds a computer baby. Students in the Law Enforcement class learned how to correctly give the heimlich to a baby or toddler who is choking.

Anticipating her early release from school, senior Lori Kappes reviews the chapter as she waits for the bell to ring. She also studied for her ICE final that was the last week of May.



How much have you learned in math?



"I have worked very hard to earn good grades in math so that my GPA was high enough to become involved in National Honor Society."  
**Sophomore Holly Kampenga**

"For the most part, the department has been a great part of my life. I can recall most things that I have learned, but I have forgotten some of freshman year."  
**Junior Travis McDaniel**

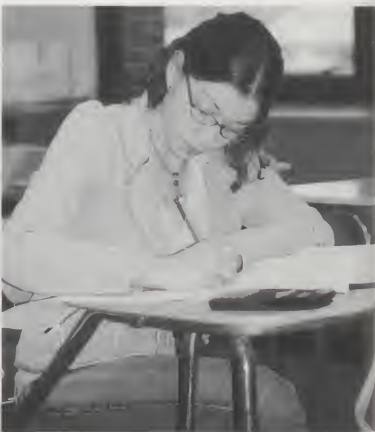
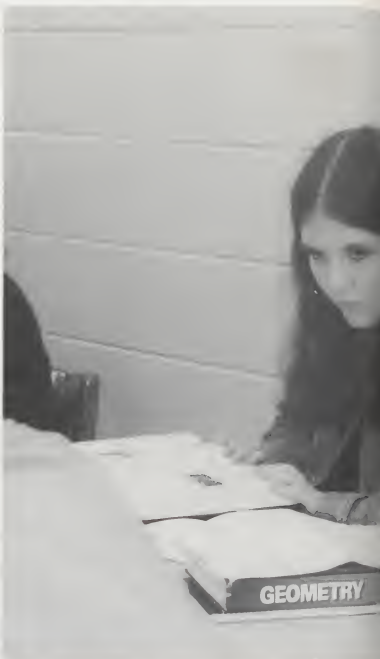


I have learned many things during the years in math class, I don't remember it all, but I try to enjoy math class because it will help me in the years to come."  
**Junior Jessica Wray**



Concentrating on the board, junior Travis Hoak looks up at Mr. John Gray as he continues to write the notes out that he has given the class. The students were able to use their notes on tests and quizzes.

In Mrs. Judy Roberts Algebra II class, junior Stephanie Rainwater works to complete her homework that was due the next day.







Mr. Herald Hostetler

Whether it was the study of derivatives in AP calculus, or the understanding of tessellations in the geometry classes, math students

had a lot of work cut out for them. Besides keeping up with the daily math lessons, students also memorized equations.

Geometry students worked with TI-83 calculators, solving linear equations and proofs. First semester students learned measurements, angles, the pythagorean theorem, and supplementary and complimentary angles. Second semester the students studied the properties of proportions, similar triangles, and how to use dilations in real life. Mr. Billy Shepherd required a notebook that he collected every six weeks.

In Ms. Karen Howard's class students kept a notebook that she collected every nine weeks. When asked what his favorite section of math was, sophomore Andrew Tillema said, "My favorite section of math would have to be the pythagorean theorem because it was the easiest of all the sections that we worked on in geometry. Mr. Herald Hostetler had a lot of work cut out for him. In addition to teaching his math classes, he was also in charge of the math lab where students could go and get help on math assignments. He also led the school improvement plan which worked on making positive changes in the school.

Above center: Helping sophomore Brooke Mathis with her geometry assignment, sophomore Amanda Keefer discusses the tangent to a circle.



Looking down at his math book, Junior Michael Terborg concentrates on his Algebra assignment which was for Mrs. Robert's class.

## What was your favorite part of PE?



"My favorite part about PE is when we do activities like badminton because I like to run a lot, and it is fun. I also like warm-ups, Warm-ups included cardiovascular exercises," said Jennifer Lawson

"Playing floor hockey would have to be my favorite thing to do. I like to play hockey because I want to play professional hockey when I get out of school," said Joshua Bolen.



"My favorite team sport would have to be basketball because I have been playing for four years, and I love it," said freshman Brett Anderson. Other team sports were volleyball, whiffleball, soccer, and field hockey.



Guarding Mark Dobin, Abigail Jones reaches out to stop the ball before Mark makes the tie breaking three-pointer in the team sport.



Practicing the backwards leg straddle, senior assistant Jordan VanWienen shows the PE students the right way

to successfully complete the straddle. Then, he showed them the wrong way.



**P**hysical Education was just a class that toned the body and the mind. You may have wondered if exercise helped you

do better in your school work? Specialists said that if the body was in shape, the students may also have had a positive attitude about the things that went on in their lives. In PE class, they have not only toned their body & mind, but they were taught the principles of health and exercise that they could use for the rest of their lives.

Nine weeks out of the school year freshmen were required to take swimming. The other 27 weeks freshmen were involved in team and individual sports. Freshman Matthew Misch said, "PE probably is a seven point five because we get to play fun games. On the other hand, warm up exercises weren't fun."

Veteran PE teacher Mr. Doug Greenlee summarized the class. "I like to see the students put forth the effort while exercising. In the second year of high school the students were required to take health. Health was a class that taught the kids what was best for their body and also focused on first aid"



In the back court, freshman Matthew Misch returns a serve. During the fall, PE students played tennis, flag football, soccer, and field hockey.

Above Left: While taking a test for Mrs. Sue Hanley's PE class, Julia Kowaleski asks a question.

Caught in a warm up, freshman her routine in PE which focuses on Jessica Higgerson stretches through individual as well as team sports.

# My Favorite...



"I like how in Mrs. Sherwood's ICP class we would watch CSI, and all the Junior girls would start singing the theme song. Then, we would eat poparts." **Junior Brittany Hancock**

"The best part of dissection in Mr. Maple's Biology II class was trying to crack open the pig's skull and finding its brain." said **senior Jacob Lemmon**



"One of my favorite things was this one time the class was popcorn reading, and Mrs. Sherwood was trying to get us to pronounce Lavoisier. It was hilarious!" **Junior Samantha Medina**



Stained, observed, drawn, and identified, the bacteria collected throughout the school by sophomore Kristina Forrestall became an important part of her Microbiology journal. All samples were collected in petri dishes.

Washing excess dye off her slide, sophomore Tara Jones prepares the slide to be viewed under a microscope. Before viewing the slides, students had to dye the bacteria so it would be visible under the microscope.







From tiny microscopic organisms to large ecosystems, science students furthered their knowledge.

"One of the things that I learned was how a refrigerator works. Before this class, I had no idea that it used a type of ventilation system," said junior Megan Carroll.

Classes experienced many activities. Mr. John Price's physics class did a tennis ball launch, Ms. Sara Patterson's Biology I class did field quizzes and dissected a plant, and Mr. Steve Maple's Biology II classes studied bacteria and dissected fetal pigs. "I learned in Mr. Maple's class that there are more rodents in the world than all humans and mammals added together," said sophomore Adam Betancourt.

During Mrs. Slaby's Biology II - Genetics class, students used a computer program that allowed them to alter DNA in dragons and show them the effects of alteration. Students also created X and Y chromosome maps which indicated specific traits of males and females.

While dissecting his fetal pig, junior Robert Ayersman searches for specific body organs. Dissecting pigs was a required part of mammology.

By: Carianne Jones



During his physics class, senior Logan Serocinski launches his tennis ball. The students had to build their own launchers to use for the project. Watching the action were seniors Jessie Jungels and Brittany Patton.

Taking one of Ms. Sara Patterson's field quizzes, freshman Miranda Gonzales collects moss off a tree. Field quizzes consisted of a list of plant related items that the students had to find and identify.

# Most fun you've had?

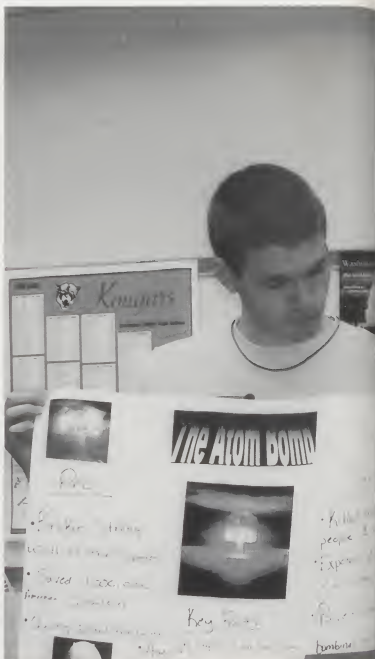
"My favorite project from AP US History was our WWII project. We had to make something that the Americans were a part of. I made a bridge," said **junior Jacquelynne Scheidt**.



"Playing Monopoly was a good experience. It taught us to spend money wisely. It also helped to show us how to invest our money," said **senior Cheri Ammerman**.



"I liked when we watched the movie 'Mr. Smith goes to Washington' in our Government class. It was actually a pretty interesting movie," said **senior Michael Warner**.



Enjoying the weather, **junior Joseph Verthein**, **senior Joshua Morris**, and **junior Joshua Lotz** walk around the track during the Walk-A-Thon. The Walk-A-Thon raised \$3,508.75 for medicine at a medical center in Mississippi.



While standing outside, **juniors Elizabeth Guzzo**, **Jorie Kingma**, **Brandi McCarty**, and **Crystal Flores** celebrate Veteran's Day by gathering around the flag pole and listening to the band play.



Researching the changes that occurred in Jasper County between the years of 1930-1975, Mrs. Price's AP US History

students made posters to help illustrate those specific changes.

Social Studies teachers were always looking for ways to teach students in a more fun way. In addition to the Jasper County Project, some classes had war presentations, some played games, and others watched movies. Economic classes played Monopoly to help the seniors get a better understanding of how to deal with their money.

"Playing Monopoly was a fun way of learning how to manage your money. It was a nice break from the everyday lecture that you are used to hearing," said senior Royce Havens.

All the Social Studies classes had a Walk-A-Thon near the beginning of the year. The Walk-A-Thon organized by Mrs. Pat Price, raised \$3,508.75 to benefit a medical center that had been damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

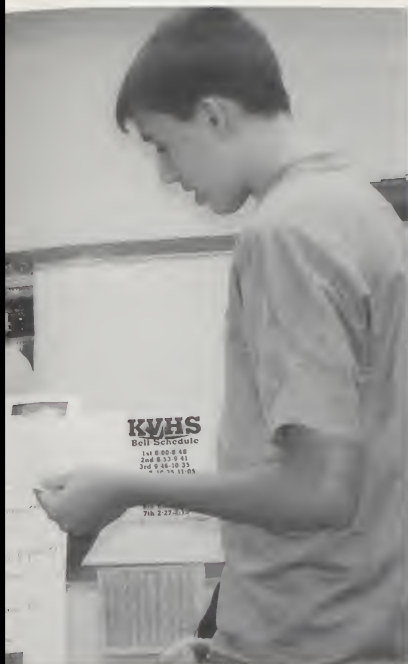
"The Walk-A-Thon was a fun way to help raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims. It also was nice to get out of class and be outside for a day," said freshman Brindy Hamstra.

Instead of just studying world events, teens created history through research fundraisers, and Mr. Norwine's Community Service Projects.

Quietly sitting in Mr. Mike Peo's class, freshman Donald Capouch works on his homework during the specified time. Everyone was given the option of finishing their homework or having talk time.

Above center: While in US History class, junior Rick Newton explains to the class about the pros and cons of the atom bomb while junior Nathanael Stoermann holds up their poster. Everyone in Mrs. Pat Price's US History class made a project that had to do with World War II and presented it in front of the class.

By: Carlin Oezer



# What's Your favorite memory?



"My most favorite memory is this activity we did that was similar to the reality show "Survivor." We had to work together to do activities and every so often, we had to vote people out of the group."

- **Sophomore  
Jamie Rios**

"My most favorite memory of the Early Childhood Vocational class is getting to play with all the children for two hours every day."

- **Senior Maricruz Gomez**



"My favorite thing was how Mrs. Schroeder always manages to find all her papers even though she has stuff everywhere. Maybe she has a secret order no one else knows about."

- **Senior Cecilia Junflo-Serra**



During play time, senior Heather Shaffer helps child Cheyenne Irving read a book. Being in the classes taught the students how to handle a variety of children.

Dressing up her computerized baby, freshman Abigail Jones takes on the responsibilities of a newborn mother. The babies taught the students what a parent has to go through with the arrival of a new born child.







**H**ome Economics was an academic area that specialized in teaching students basic skills.

Classes included Adult Roles/Responsibilities, Child Development, Interpersonal Relationships, and Vocational Early Childhood Education, taught by Ms. Jennifer Schroeder. These classes prepared the students for developing skills in younger children, taking on adult responsibilities, learning how to take care of oneself while pregnant, nurturing the child after it is born, and learning to work with other people.

"Being in the Child Development class has given me the confidence to have my own kids and do it right," said sophomore Katherine Mestrovich.

Nutrition/Wellness and Advanced Foods/Nutrition classes were taught by Ms. Tresa Groet. These classes taught students culinary skills.

Using sea creatures, Junior Candace DeFries practices counting and identifying colors with child Alexa Call. Taking the Early Childhood Education class prepared DeFries for careers dealing with children.

*By: Carianne Jones*



Preparing her cooking area, junior Brittany Niemiec gets ready to whip up a tasty breakfast for her Nutrition/Wellness class. Breakfast food was just one area the cooking class covered.

Supervising, junior Alexea Boring watches child Gage Morrison as he paints a "masterpiece" during class time. The children engaged in numerous activities in the Early Childhood Vocational class.

## Memorable Moments

As the house production is coming to a close, seniors Jacob Mital and Bradley Herr work together to complete the siding on the building trades house.



"When Jacob Mital cut his finger with a razor knife while cleaning a trowel, and I got to drive him to the hospital in his car. I will never forget that as long as I live," said **Kyle Turnpaugh**.

"When I was surveying to lay foundation, there was a yellow jacket nest, and I got stung by them. So I had to give myself a shot because I am allergic to them," said **Brad Herr**.



"When we were framing the house, the wall fell on Kyle Turnpaugh and I pulled it off him and saved his life. I felt like a hero," said **Steven Martin**.



Hanging a shelf in the master bathroom closet, Shane Boyer and Steven Lovas work together to align the poles to make it strong.

Helping the student with hanging the cabinets in the kitchen, Mr. Mulvihill instructs Jacob Mital.



# Building the Future



Casey Boyer

Building Trades was a year-round class where 14 senior boys came together to build a three bedroom, two bathroom, 1,620 square foot home. The house was located at Sand Ridge Estates lot 64. Construction was sponsored by the Jasper County R.E.M.C. and Kapers Building Material.

Additional local businesses also helped with construction and landscaping.

"This is the 11th house I have done, and it's still a lot of fun. At times, it can get very frustrating, but the good days outnumber the bad," said Mr. Kevin Mulvihill who functions as not only the building trades teacher, but also the general contractor.

"Taking building trades prepares you for life in the construction business. We learn about installing electricity, flooring, plumbing, and hanging drywall." The ranch home had a touchstone energy, which was super energy efficient and was cost effective. "It's exactly like running your own business, only you don't have all the paperwork and overhead to deal with," said Casey Boyer.

"Building Trades was probably the most fun I have ever had at school. We got to do our own thing, but we still got credit for it. It was a great experience," said Shane Boyer.



Row 1: Darren Wireman, Row 2: Benjamin Bryan, Bradley Herr, Joshua Coulter, Steven Martin, Kyle Turnpaugh, Casey Boyer, Shane Boyer, Lucas Thomas, Mr. Kevin Mulvihill, Row 3: Lyle Shepherd, Adam Misch, Jacob Mital, Ryan Hutton, Steven Lovas

Pre-measuring saves money and time. Discussing their cut, Benjamin Bryan and Adam Misch pre-think their first cut.

## Grinding, Computing Sawing Away

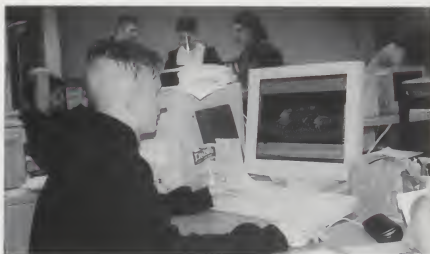


"Learning to operate the scroll saw was very useful," said junior Jacob Estrada as he made several small detailed cuts in a slab of wood to create pictures.

Graphing, measuring, and learning how to use various drawing tools were basic skills junior Angela Wood studied during **Project Lead the Way.**



Making mortar and laying a cinder block wall were skills junior Karleen Gunter obtained during a demonstration by Mr. Mulvihill for Mr. McKay's classes.



Working on his own custom computerized model home, senior Derek Boissy finalizes his project for the CAD class.

Under a protective welding helmet, thick gloves, and a special jacket, junior Nathaneal Stoermann practices his welding techniques.







Michael Sell

**B**uilding Everything from small wooden toys to full-sized sheds, students welded, pounded, and cut their ways to finished projects.

Some of Mr. Mike McKay's classes were given the option to choose from various projects, while others learned how to wire, put up drywall, and everything in between as a part of McKay's custom built 6'x8' wall sections. A shed was also built from bottom up for the Building Trades house.

Mr. Ron Hine's computer classes learned how to use various programs to design 3-D fantasy homes. They also made layouts for community parks, which contained everything from baseball fields to park benches.

Welding students were given the chance to work on some of their own projects as well as class projects, such as welding a trailer to connect to a vehicle. Mr. Jeff Mengel prepared his advanced students for careers in welding through Vocational Welding.

"I really enjoyed this class because it gave me a chance to put my creativity into use," commented Senior Benjamin Lewis on Mr. Hine's CAD class.



Getting the right dimensions before cutting was always an important guideline for juniors Jeremiah Dempsey, Darrin DeBold, and sophomore Jeffrey Mathis in the Woods class.



Grinding metal was a regular task for senior Lyle Shepherd who wore safety glasses to protect his eyes from harmful sparks.

By: Carlin Oezer

What is your favorite thing about the Alt. School?



"I came to the Alt. School because I had no choice. The school told me that if I didn't come, I wouldn't pass 8th grade. I'm really glad I came here because now I pay more attention and work harder. Mr. Wickstrom makes it easier for me because he treats me like an adult and doesn't hold my mistakes against me. I really like that." freshman Vincent Helton.



"My favorite thing about the Alt. School is the fact that it's quiet. I can concentrate on my work. I think Mr. Wickstrom is the best teacher I've ever had because he cares more, and he lets us figure things out." senior Skyler Cavinder.

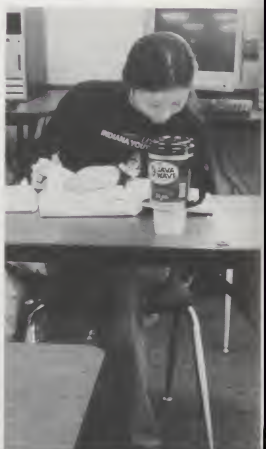


"Since I was failing most of my classes, my mom and I thought it would be good for me to come here. Now, I do much better because I can work at my own pace, and the teachers are better. If I have any questions, Mr. Wickstrom is right there to answer it for me." junior Ashley Thomas.



Assisting Freshman Bianca Gonzales, aide Mrs. Nancy Gluth explains the Algebra problem.

In her first year of Alternative School, senior Maureen Keilman works on science.



# Alt. Education



Michael Sell

Alternative school has opened its doors to struggling teens for eight years.

Scheduled to hold 30 students, the school directed by Mr. Jim Wickstrom and aide Nancy Gluth maintained 40 continuing Ed. teens. In addition to core classes, students could earn up to two credits for 25 hours of on the job training. "I like getting credit for working because I'm getting paid and getting credit at the same time. Plus it helps me raise my G.P.A.," said senior Michael Warren.

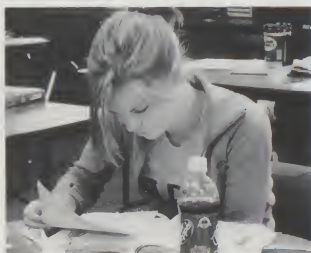
In order to go to the Alternative school, students had to be referred by a counselor, approved by an administrator, interviewed by Mr. Wickstrom, and approved by their parents. Mr. Wickstrom looked for students with average or above average intelligence, who wanted to succeed, could handle highly strict settings, and were trying to deal with problems in the high school.

With more hands on help and working at their own pace, students found it more likely to succeed.

Aided by Mr. Jim Wickstrom, junior Andrew Ferguson completes his homework assignment. "I thoroughly enjoy teaching at the Alternative School because of my students. With so many different personalities in one room, it keeps you entertained," said Wickstrom.



Applied skills like reading and writing are developed through application for freshman Mark Cunningham. All students were assisted by Aide Mrs. Nancy Gluth and director Mr. Jim Wickstrom.



"Working at my own pace is so much better for me. Now that I'm in the Alternative School, my grades have improved so much, and I'm a lot happier," said freshman Brittany White.

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1. Sean Patrick, Ryan Boezeman
2. Matt Misch
3. Stevie Alexander, Angela Donis, Keely Woods

4. Allison Plopper
5. Brandon DeYoung
6. Jonathon Clifford

By: Carri Dickerson



# This is our... *Team*

After a tight grip on Sectionals during football season, a state berth for cross country runner senior Jeromy Jackson, senior Sean Patrick going to regionals for wrestling and junior Patrick Cusack going to state and a record breaking soccer season for senior Emma Cunningham, athletics at the Valley continued to entertain us because they were our **Team**. "During soccer I had a lot of fun. I learned that I can really push my limits and play to the best of my abilities," said Cunningham.

As a new basketball season commenced, the boys and girls teams had to learn the in's and out's of their new coaches' training styles. Whether it was new coaches for basketball, the return of male cheerleader lifters or new uniforms, the changes were seen by fans who still came out to support **Our Team**.



## Inside view



Going into the second quarter, junior Joseph Kent awaits the signal from sophomore quarterback Alex Byers to begin the play.



Playing against the Calumet Warriors, senior Adam McDaniel receives a pass in the third quarter which completed a first down on the 20 yard line.



Celebrating their victory against the Calumet Warriors at Homecoming, the team is led by Coach Prescott in a huddle.



After receiving a handoff from sophomore Alex Byers, Sophomore Mitch Sytsma takes it down inside the Bombers 20 yard line.



Undaunted by Wheeler's size, sophomore Thomas Ramsey, and seniors Ben Stein, and Aaron Hebda use their strength to take down The Bearcat's offensive line.

Combining their defensive skills, seniors Sean Patrick, Kevin Zuchowski and Adam McDaniel work their hardest to bring down the Wheeler's running back.



# Football

"Purpose Driven!"

Injuries plagued the teams' outcome from game one. Junior quarterback Dustin Wilson and defensive lineman Nicholas Wright were forced to watch from the sidelines as they recovered from shoulder and hip injuries. "My hip injury ruined my season. The season started off good for me. Then, it went downhill right after I broke it. I was upset after I found out I was out for seven weeks," said Wright.

Losing the first game of the

season did not stop the Kougars from making a comeback. The team went on to obtain a six game winning streak. Excitement was heard throughout the team, as junior Clint Seegers said, "It's really great that we won that many games, but I would have liked to played more somewhere."

Hard work in the off season showed as Coach Mike Peo worked with the boys. "I worked with all the guys in the weight room all summer

long. During football season I worked with the linemen," said Peo.

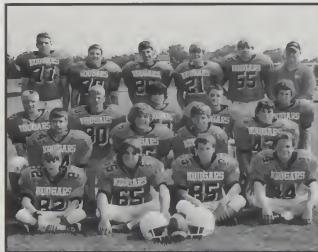
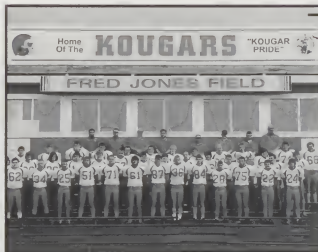
Perfect Summer Attendance - Wesley Clifton, Joseph Kent, Adam Mandeville, Matthew Oliver, Thomas Ramsey, Kyle Turnpaugh, Jason Zavala, and Kevin Zuchowski. Scott Patrick Varsity Valley Pride Award - Adam McDaniel, Junior Varsity Valley Pride Award - Ryan Boezeman, Freshman Valley Pride Award - Corey Coulter.

## Varsity

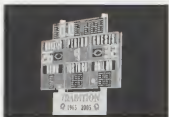
Row 1: Jason Zavala, Patrick Prochno, Casey Boyer, Aaron Hebda, Kevin Zuchowski, Benjamin Stein, Sean Patrick, Adam McDaniel, Benjamin Bryan, Kyle Turnpaugh, Adam Misch, Shane Boyer, Garry Jones. Row 2: Chance Czarnecki, Joshua Garrison, William Iversen, Christopher Mestrovich, Joseph Campbell, Samuel Newton, Clint Seegers, Matthew Oliver, Mitchell Sysma, Cody Seegers, Tyler Ritchie, Nick Wright, Corey Molden, Dustin Wilson. Row 3: Zachariah Schaefer, Alex Byers, Joshua Coulter, Ryan Boezeman, Michael Fletcher, Thomas Ramsey, David Walstra, Timothy Mandeville, Joseph Kent, Wesley Clifton, Kevin O'Neal, William Recker, Steven Hatch. Row 4: Head Coach Bob Prescott, Assistant Coaches: Tom Sandonato, Bruce Przybylski, Walter Justice, Ryan Myers, Jeffrey McDole, Mike Peo.

## Freshmen

Row 1: Bret Lott, Cameron Bell, Corey Williams, Nick Galliespie. Row 2: Brandon Marlatt, Adam Mandeville, Mark Schultz, Chris Cooper. Row 3: Nick Newcomb, Kyle DeJong, Zachary Waters, Sam Bass, Michael Hoffman. Row 4: Matt Misch, Kyle Whited, Kale Popp, Donovan Czarnecki, Chris Coulter, Coach Ryan Myers.



## Inside view



As the time on the clock struck zero, varsity boys made history when they moved to round II, beating Munster in the first game of Sectionals 32-26.



"Coaches made two-a-day practices more demanding as the work out of Gunnery Sergeant Jones put the team through a unique conditioning work-out," commented Head Coach Bob Prescott.



After the loss of the Lowell game, seniors Aaron Hebda and Gary Jones sit in agony after the defeat by the Lowell Red Devils who later went on to win the State Championship.



Starting off the third quarter, seniors Aaron Hebda and Ben Stein run to the field after getting advice from Head Coach Prescott.



After the defeat of Munster in the first Sectional game, senior Aaron Hebda and Asst. Coach Mike Peo, absorb the shock of making KV history with a winning score of 32-26. Coach Peo described it as, "I played the two times they knocked us out of Sectionals in 1994 and 1995, so it was a great feeling when we won."

Following the celebration of victory at Sectionals, Varsity came in for one last huddle of the night before returning to the Valley on October 28th.







# Sectional Victory

"History in the making"

After all the seconds had ticked off the clock, the siren sounded and the pressure of the season subsided. Nothing could compare to the feeling of emerging victorious over the Munster Mustangs in the first round of Sectionals. With a score of 32-26 the team made history. "The feeling after the clock hit zero was indescribable. To do something that hadn't been done before by KV, was the greatest feeling. The best part

is that we won because everyone stepped up and really had the desire to win," commented Aaron Hebda.

It all started with the first game of the season when two Munster linemen sandwiched junior quarterback Dustin Wilson. Wilson dislocated his throwing shoulder which changed the teams original offensive strategy and welcomed sophomore Alex Byers to the varsity quarter back position. "At first I didn't think it was

so bad, I got it checked out, and I was told I was going to have to sit out 7 to 8 weeks. That crushed me, but I worked hard, and made my comeback one week later", described Wilson.

With the loss of 11 graduating players, Coach Prescott finalized the year. "The relationships that have developed during four years have been awesome. They will be missed! We made history!", commented Coach Robert Prescott.

## Seniors

Row 1: Garry Jones, Ben Stein. Row 2: Kyle Turnpaugh, Adam Misch, Aaron Hebda, Ben Bryan, Patrick Prochno, Kevin Zuchowski, Sean Patrick, Adam McDaniel, Jason Zavala.



## Some Words of Wisdom

"Football can be a lot of work, but all the pain and sweat endured is what makes winning the close games feel so good. Just remember: Pain is temporary and wounds heal, but pride sticks with you forever," commented senior Kevin "Z" Zuchowski.

**By: Michelle Moran**

"Play every game and every down like it's your last because you never know when it all might be over," said senior Sean Patrick.

The most important play is this one, not the next. Don't forget what Vince Lombardi once said, "Winning isn't the only thing, it's everything," said senior Aaron Hebda.



# Cross Country

"Going the extra mile"

Having the minimum number of runners required to qualify as a full team, the boy's cross country team beat all obstacles and won the Sectional Championship. "Winning Sectionals was a very memorable moment. There was only five of us, but that was all we needed," said junior Joe Barrera.

"I'm proud of my boys. This was an especially fulfilling experience for all of us. It was a blue ribbon year, in every aspect" added Coach Prochno.

Most Valuable runner award went to Jeromy Jackson, who suffered from a hip injury last season. "He did a remarkable job recovering. He had a plan. We had a plan. He worked as hard as any kid here ever has, and deserves all the praise in the world. I'm very proud of him," said Coach Prochno. Jackson also received most dedicated runner and co-captain of the team.

Academic award and co-captain of the team went to senior Ryan

Smeltzer. "Always giving it your all, and having a lot of fun is the only way you can make it," said Smeltzer.

Most improved went to junior Joe Barrera. Rookie of the year was Jeff Laski. "They are all a classy, loyal and supportive bunch of people. They performed possibly the best performance, pound for pound, by any team ever. Tough to even compare what we/they have accomplished to any other campaign", concluded Prochno.

Girl's cross country team consisted of only one runner, senior Jamie VanderMolen. When asked how she felt about being the only girl on the team, she said, "I push myself harder, and try to stay within sight of the boys. I'm motivated by knowing it's my last year, and I wanted to make it my best! Mr. Prochno is also quite the motivator." "Jamie was amazing; competing with poise, dignity, and a competitive fury," commented Prochno.



## Cross Country

Row 1: Jeff Laski, John Laski, Jamie VanderMolen. Row 2: Joe Barrera, Ryan Smeltzer, Jeromy Jackson, Coach Walt Prochno.

Above Right: At a KV invite, senior Ryan Smeltzer dashes down the path to the finish line "I have been motivated this season because this is my senior year, and it will probably be my last experience in competitive athletics," said Smeltzer.



## Inside view



"Run hard, don't quit, and do what Coach Prochno says, and we will win Sectionals again next year," said junior Joe Barrera.



"Stick with it, work hard, and good things will come," commented senior Jeremy Jackson. Jackson returned after being sidelined by a broken hip in the '04 season.



As a freshman, Jeff Laski was the youngest runner. He gave some words of advice for the upcoming freshmen, "Don't let anything or anyone try to hold you back. Run!"



After winning Sectionals, on October 11, Jeff Laski, Ryan Smeltzer, John Laski, and Joe Barrera stand tall as Co-Captain Jeremy Jackson holds the trophy.



At an Adrean Invite, the boy's cross country team ran in the top 12 out of 99 runners. Senior Jamie VanderMolen got seventh out of 59 competitive runners, with a time of 16:41.

Running up a hill trail, senior Jamie VanderMolen competes as the only female runner on the cross country team. "Just stick with it even when it gets hard" were VanderMolen's words of wisdom.



# Soccer

"Giving it all it takes"

When the teammates of Dean and Joshua Tillema received the horrible news on August 31 of a severe auto accident, they were devastated. Dean, the varsity goal keeper was done for the season.

After only one week of recuperation, with Dean on the sidelines, brother Joshua took over the varsity goalie position.

In other season action, the 8-3-1 team tied a close game against East Chicago. "They weren't our hardest opponent, but it was only our second game. We should have smoked them, but tying was better than losing," said Rookie of The Year junior Corey Morse.

Boys' Awards: Outstanding Player: Nathaniel Stoermann, Mr. Offense: Brian Winter and Llogan Serocinski, Mr. Defense: Mark Melton, Most Dedicated: Colin Serocinski, Most Improved:

Mike Hunter, Rookie of the Year: Corey Morse.

Starting off with a record of 8-0, no one had a chance against the Lady Kougars. Bringing back record breaking players such as Forward Emma Cunningham and Goalie Lauren Laski as well as six returning seniors who helped the team shut down Boone Grove 1-0 in the Valparaiso Sectionals with Cunningham scoring their only goal. "Scoring a winning goal in Sectionals was a lot cooler than scoring a goal in a non-conference game that doesn't mean much," said Cunningham.

Girls' Awards: Most Valuable Offense: Emma Cunningham, Most Valuable Defense: Jennifer Kurowsky and Nicole Kerner, Most Improved: Amanda Keefer, Hustle Award: Cassie Coffey, Kougar Pride Award: Rachel Kikkert.



Rushing to keep the ball away from her opponent, senior Rachel Kikkert passes it up to the forward line where they scored a goal against Hammond Clark.



Excited for the game, senior Emma Cunningham lines up to slap the hands of her teammates. "My teammates always have my back," said Cunningham.







Showing his talent on the field, senior Llogan Serocinski lines up for a kick which adds one more point to the winning score.

In order to get pumped up for the game, junior Nathaniel Stoermann chugs some pickle juice. "I drink it because it hydrates me so I don't get leg cramps."



Keeping the ball from going out of bounds, senior Alana Williams cuts off the defense. With her ambitious intent, Williams kept the ball in her possession.

By: Amber Gooden

## Inside view



"I love being able to play with all my awesome teammates. We always have so much fun, said senior Jennifer Kurowsky with excitement. "It's so great that we can all come together as one and work hard to win a tough game."



"Soccer is such a team sport. There's never a moment when it's only you, Nathaniel Stoermann said as he recalls all the hard teamwork required in soccer. I really loved working with all my great teammates."

## Girls

Row 1: Lauren Laaki Row 2: Destiny Baccino, Emma Cunningham, Allison Plopper, Jennifer Kurowsky, Alana Williams, Rachel Kikkert, Cassie Coffey Row 3: Kelsey VanKampen, Karleen Gunter, Bethany Ferguson, Morgan Myers, Brianna Patton, Lindsay Seegers, Keely Woods, Mary K. Frederick, Volunteer Assistant Coach John Hufnagel Row 4: Manager Stephanie Bolling, Candace Leeper, Elise Jolink, Melanie Daniels, Brittany Niemec, Elizabeth Tilley, Amanda Keefer, Jennifer Bullard, Melissa Roldan, Lauren Hale Row 5: Head Coach Lane Lewallen, Page Walczak, Katrina VanderWoude, Nicole Kerner, Corinne Janavich, Bethany Clark, Alecia Penninga, Jillian Conley, Lindsey Skratsky, Alison Schultz, Lauren Leegwater, Anne Janavich, Assistant Coach Joyce Thomason.

## Boys

Row 1: Derek VanderMolen, Colin Serocinski, Daniel Hudspeth, John Lapota, Greg Boer, Ben Erwin Row 2: Daniel Correal, Josh Fifield, Cole Patrick, Llogan Serocinski, Brent Kikkert, Scott Conley. Row 3: Assistant Coach Joni VanderWoude, Micah Raebel, Aaron Stoermann, Dean Tillema, Corey Morse, Mark Melton, Nathaniel Stoermann, Brent Scamihorn, Michael Hunter, Steve Lovas. Row 4: Assistant Coach Jason VanderWoude, Joshua Tillema, Daniel Shadwell, Ryan Kikkert, Kevin Nelms, Brian Winter, Chester Magiera, Head Coach Duane VanderWoude.

# Volleyball

"Bump, Set, Spike!"

Opening in the LaPorte tourney, KV went 2-2 losing to South Bend Clay and Goshen, and won against Rossville and Peru. Closing the season against Andean with a loss in Sectionals led to the ending of the season. The team lost two straight matches to Andean then went on to win the third, with an end score of 21-25 in the fourth match which resulted in the loss of it all.

With a group of only three returning seniors, the team had plenty of room for growth. Coach Rick Ashmore chose freshmen and sophomores to round out the lineup. "We had to rebuild an

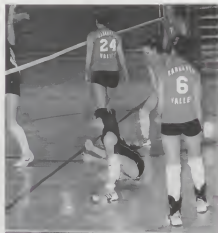
entire team, and had to learn to trust each other," said junior Stevie Alexander.

Filling in as Junior Varsity Coach was Greg Welch. New teaching styles from new coaches paid off. "New styles of coaching brought different aspects to the team. We learned so many new things from them," said Donis.

Awards for Varsity consisted of MVP: Angela Donis, Best Offensive Player: Ashley Martin, Best Defensive Player: Kirah Fifield, Kougar Pride: Clarisa Bonilla, Sportsmanship Award: Brittany Scott, and Most Improved: Jessica Dobson.



Awaiting the ball's trajectory, freshman Kaylie Fritz prepares to set the ball up to her teammate during the third match of the Andean game. The team went on to lose all three matches.



After diving for the ball, junior Kirah Fifield regains her composure as the opposing team celebrates their earned point.

Receiving a perfect set from teammate sophomore Detra Wood, junior Brittany Scott spikes it over. The block from the Lowell Red Devils failed to put another point on the scoreboard.





After the loss of the second game, the Junior Varsity team takes time to go over their game plan. They had one more game to play against rival Andrean.

Getting in the air for a pass, senior Clarisa Bonilla makes a clean spike right to the corner of the court. Clarisa earned the Kougaur Pride Award.



## Inside view



"Having Saturday tournaments was a lot of fun because it gave the team a lot of time to grow closer and bond. I love Volleyball because it taught me hard work, dedication, and persistence. I also loved the challenge and competition" said senior Clarisa Bonilla.



"Coach Greg Welch was a really good JV volleyball coach. He taught us a lot of useful techniques. He was one of the main reasons that this season turned out really fun," said Freshman Ashley Hudspeth who was one of the few freshmen moved up to play in Sectionals.

## Varsity

Row 1: JV Coach Greg Welch, Angela Donis, Brittany Scott, Stevie Alexander, Jessi Jungles, Kelsey Tillema, Head Coach Rick Ashmore Row 2: Detra Wood, Ashley Hudspeth, Kirah Fifield, Jessie Hamstra, Ashley Martin, Clarisa Bonilla

## Junior Varsity

Row 1: Ashley Hudspeth Row 2: Tara Fieldhouse, Kendie Terborg, Kaylie Fritts Row 3: Kelsey Tillema, Laura Myers, Kyresten Tompkins, Taylor VanVuren, Leighann Skratsky Row 4: 9th Grade Coach Kate Przybyski, Jessica Hamstra, Jessica Dobson, Pam Zuchowski, Brindy Hamstra, JV Coach Greg Welch, Head Coach Rick Ashmore

By: Olivia Ortiz

# Basketball

"New Valley Order"

Banking on positive energy, sophomore Ryan Boezeman scored 6-7 shots to open a young team's season. "Mr. Shepherd was a hardworking determined Coach, who sought after not only his own desires, but the players as well," said junior Zachariah Schafer. The only returning starter who had varsity minutes last year was junior Daniel Lewallen, who had an individual record high of 38 points and eight 3-pointers against North Newton.

Having a new coach was a big change as alumni Bill Shepherd stepped in to take charge. "We have learned to

play at a faster pace, and the importance of defense," said sophomore Jacob Watts.

Highlights of the season included a February 4 visit to Consecro Fieldhouse where the Kougars played Griffith "Playing in Consecro was great because all of the great players have played there," said freshman Jacob Birky.

Most Improved Player- Jake Birky, Free Throw Percentage- Daniel Lewallen, Kougars Hustle- Kyle DeJong, Best Mental Attitude- Daniel Mendoza and Matthew Hamstra, Top Rebounder- Jacob Watts, Top Defender- Joseph Campbell.



Jumping up for a defensive rebound, junior Daniel Lewallen grabs the rebound in crunch time and makes an outlet pass to a teammate. Kougars lost to Wirt 43-66.



Driving to the basket with Lowell defenders in the way, sophomore Alex Byers looks for an open teammate in the paint. Byers had a team high of 11 rebounds against North Newton.







"Coming back to the school I graduated from is a great thing. Our goal is to make Boy's Basketball a "Championship Program" again, as it used to be in the 80's and early 90's. The future is very bright," said Coach Shepherd.

Guarded heavily in the third quarter, sophomore Jacob Watts penetrates to the basket for a quick jump shot.



## Inside plays



"We ran 41 basically on offense throughout the year which was most beneficial to the team. Spartans was the most run play, and 55 was the best defensive play we had," said sophomore Joseph Campbell.



"Our best offense was when we ran the floor. The best defense we played was our man-to-man when we could match up. It was our best "D"," said senior Daniel Mendoza.



## Varsity

Row 1: Daniel Lewallen, Zachariah Schaefer, Jordan VanWienen, Daniel Mendoza Row 2: Head Coach Bill Shepherd, Asst. Dave DeFries, Alex Byers, Ryan Boezeman, Jacob Watts, Matthew Hamstra, Joseph Campbell, JV Coach Scott Hamstra



Playing in a 2-3 zone forced Wirt to keep the ball at the top of the key, which slowed the game on the defensive side. "Our 2-3 zone has forced some of the quicker teams to shoot from the outside," said sophomore Jacob Watts.

Making a shot from the three point line against the Portage Indians, sophomore Ryan Boezeman adds points to the scoreboard, and sinks 6-8 shots that night. Boezeman ended the season with a total of 162 points.

# Basketball

"Giving it all it takes!"

At the start of the new season, both the Junior Varsity and Freshman teams were pumped to prove themselves ready of being called Kougar basketball players. To win games they had to follow a rigorous practice session that consisted of shooting and running skills, and with offensive and defensive drills. Freshman Matthew DeFries said, "The hardest thing about practicing is the defensive drills because it involves getting low to the floor, and it kills your legs."

Some distinctions arose

between teams. Junior Varsity team was coached by two alumni who also used to play. Junior Varsity team was mainly made up of sophomores with a few juniors and one freshman. In response Jake Birky said, "It felt great because I got experience and not many kids get the chance to play at a higher level as a freshman."

Awards included Most Improved: Bryce Fox and Kenny Proud. Kougar Hustle Award: Trent Jackson. Best Mental Attitude: Walter Wians. Top Rebounder: Nathan Kats. Top Defender: Kenny Proud.



Getting open for the pass, sophomore Joshua Fifeild executes one of the many plays he had practiced.



Watching his shot arc through the air, Anthony Johnson scores a two point basket against Lowell.

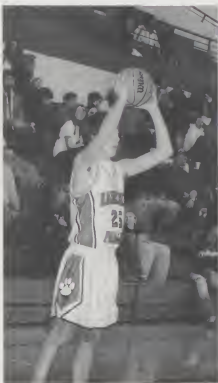
Technique driven, sophomore Micah Raebel puts his knowledge to use for both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams.





Dribbling past his opponents, Nathan Cox goes for his lay up.

Throwing the ball into his teammates, Kevin Nelms tries to put the ball in the perfect position to score a basket.



## Inside view



"Basketball has changed my life because it showed me that hard work really does pay off in the end," said William Recker.



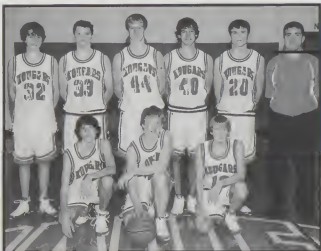
"My favorite part of basketball was going to the practices to get better and going to the games to see how much we improved," said Trent Jackson.



## Junior Varsity

Front Row: Kenny Proud, Anthony Johnson, Jake Birky, Corey Morse  
Row 2: Head Varsity Coach Bill Shepherd, Assistant Coach Dave DeFries, Kevin Nelms, William Recker, Joshua Tillema, Kyle DeJong, assistant Coach Scott Hamstra.

Not Pictured: Nathan Kats, Derek Vandermolten, Joshua Fifield



## Freshmen

Front Row: Bryce Fox, Trent Jackson, Matthew DeFries.

Row 2: Brent Kikkert, Brent Anderson, Ryan Kikkert, Kale Popp, Walter Wians, Coach Nate Albertin.

# Girls Basketball

Jump, shoot, score!!

Starting the season with a new coaching staff brought a challenge to which the girls had to adapt. Taking over the varsity coaching position was Lane Lewallen. Junior varsity was led by Ryan Myers. "The coach change was something that shook up the whole team a little. Second was the loss of all the seniors," said junior Stevie Alexander.

Sickness and injuries played a big factor in the starting line up. "My

biggest obstacles were probably when I got really sick and had to sit out, and then when I sprained my ankle. I felt like I was letting my team down," said senior Cassandra Coffey.

The team roster consisted of players of all grades, full out scrimmaging against each other helped, "Scrimmaging is like playing a real game. It gives you real game situations to play," said sophomore Jillian Conley.

Coach Lane Lewallen presented

the girls varsity awards on March 20. Team captain- and Co-mental attitude award went to Rachel Kikkert, Miss. Defense and Team Captain was Cassie Coffey. Most Improved and Most Rebounds was Stevie Alexander. Field Goal Percentage and Co-Mental Attitude were taken home by Kelli Hamstra, and Best Free Throw Percentage was earned by Emma Cunningham.



"I love how much fun our team has together. Basketball is the longest season of the year so we all pretty much have to get along if we are going to make it," said junior Keely Woods.

Struggling to get away from the defensive player, junior Kirah Fifield uses her jab step, a defensive technique, that fakes out the defense.

*By Anastasia Christian*







## Inside view



"My dad has inspired me to play basketball. He loves the sport and has always been there to encourage me to do what I love," said junior Stevie Alexander. "I love the team and the feeling I get when you give something your all," responded Alexander.



"I've played basketball since I was really little. When I lived in Chicago, my dad and I would go in the alley and shoot hoops all night," said junior Olivia Ortiz. "I love all of my teammates. They are some of my closest friends," added Ortiz.



"What I love the most about playing basketball is the intense pressure, getting nervous butterflies and hearing the crowd cheer for us," said senior Rachel Kikkert. "My biggest obstacles were overcoming injuries and working hard consistently," said Kikkert.



## Varsity

Row 1: Cassandra Coffer, Rachel Kikkert, Emma Cunningham Row 2: Kirah Fiefeld, Lauren Laski, Stevie Alexander, Keely Woods, Brittany Scott, Angela Donis, Kelli Hamstra, Jacquelynne Scheidt, Jillian Conley, Olivia Ortiz. Row 3: Coach Sampson and Coach Lewallen



## Junior Varsity

Row 1: Cecilia Junflo-Serra, Jillian Conley, Ashley Hudspeth, Bethany Ferguson. Row 2: Kelsey VanKampen, Ashley VanKley, Page Walczak, Danielle Fase, Nicole Henning. Coach Myers



## Freshmen

Row 1: Lauren Wierzbza, Kendra Terborg, Row 2: Jessica Middleton, Ashley Hudspeth, Alyssa Tronjo, Row 3: Brittany Heerema, Megan Axtell, Pamela Zuchowski, Candace Leegwater, Lauren Hamstra, Heather McMillan

# Cheerleading

Kougar Spirit

Having cheerleading camp to train in the summer, endless practices, and late night football and basketball games at home and away, cheerleading was a year round activity for the 25 girls. "My favorite aspect of being a cheerleader is being able to represent my school in a positive way, and also being able to cheer for my fellow classmates," said junior Samantha Medina.

Even though they worked hard at what they did and sometimes got hurt, a new law was passed saying that cheerleading was no longer

considered a sport. "The new law is terrible because studies have shown that cheerleaders have more injuries throughout their season than other sports. We constantly put ourselves in danger by lifting and being lifted. It takes a great amount of strength to stunt, tumble, and fly. A sport requires athletic ability, time, energy, and pride. This is all displayed by cheerleaders," said sophomore Hannah Sparks.

Awards: Miss Kaylah Sutton Award- Ashlee Bonesteel, Most Improved- Crystal Flores, Most Spirited- Caitlin Sittima, and Miss Kougarette- Melanie Klunder.



Standing tall above the crowd, senior Ashlee Bonesteel and junior Amber Gooden cheer at a boys varsity basketball game. "It really takes a lot for me to get in front of all those people in the crowd, knowing that if I mess up everyone is watching," said Gooden.



"I love being involved and watching my team succeed. I feel like we, as cheerleaders, might have motivated them to victory," said senior Caitlin Sittima.

Being thrust into the air during a half time show at a boys varsity basketball game, junior Crystal Flores trusts her fellow teammates to catch her safely.





"My favorite thing about being a cheerleader is getting the crowd to cheer for their home team," said freshman Jennifer Perov.

Give me a "K" was sophomore Brittany Smejek's line in the halftime show of the game, as she was held up by her teammates. "The hardest thing that I had to learn was to fly," said Smejek.



## Inside view



"I wanted to be a cheerleader since I was little. I thought it was so cool. Plus now I have little girls looking up to me. My favorite part of cheerleading is stunting. It gives me such a rush to be tossed around and going so high," said senior Melanie Klunder.



"I like being a cheerleader because it has really brought me closer to many of the people on the squad. I also like it because I can really support my school and show school spirit," said sophomore Devon Southard.

## Varsity



Row 1: Ashlee Bonesteel, Amanda Evans, Melanie Klunder, Caitlin Sittema. Row 2: Clint Seegers, Samantha Medina, Amber Gooden, Crystal Flores, Cory Bifoss. Row 3: Chris Walstra, Coron Henderson, Devon Southard, Emily Stein, Christine Roorda, Mark Nicholas.

## Junior Varsity



Row 1: Tasha Jones Row 2: Brittany Smejek, Katherine Mestrovich. Row 3: Hannah Sparks, Amanda O'Neal, Julie Dykstra, Jillian Kolb.

**Awards:** Most Improved-Hannah Sparks, Most Spirited-Brittany Smejek

## Freshmen



Row 1: Taylor Anderson, Trisha Poisel. Row 2: Jamie Wireman, Kaitlyn Howard. Row 3: Whitney Gladdis, Jennifer Perov, Jessica Higgerson, Paige Hardin

**Awards:** Most Improved- Whitney Gladdis, Most Spirited-Jessica Higgerson

## Inside view



"My favorite meet was the one against Rensselaer because we usually don't beat them, but this year it came down to the last relay race, and we beat them," said Kaylie Fritts.



"My biggest overall achievement in swimming was my improvement in time through the season. I dropped my time greatly. I was so proud of myself when Sectionals came around," added swimmer Kyle Whited.



"The most challenging part of swimming was some of the practices that we had. They were incredibly difficult and hard. However, anything that's hard, you know is definitely improving you," said swimmer Lindsay Sittema.



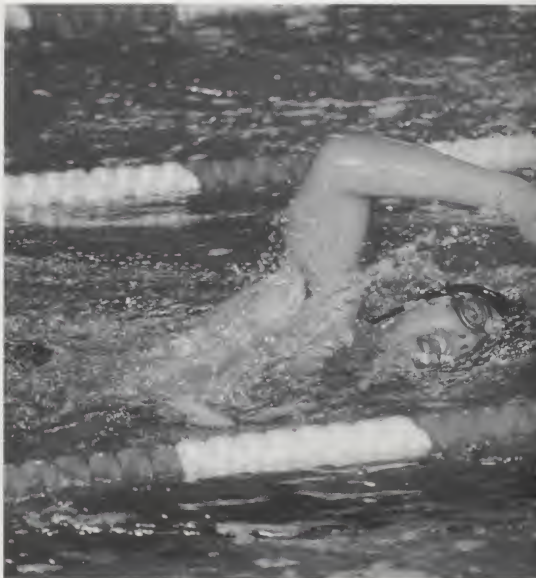
Bobbing in and out of the water, Nathan Jackson gets a burst of air to keep him going. As he goes along, he times his kicks with his breathing.



Going as fast as she could, swimmer Whitney Studer does the butterfly. Whitney finished third against South Newton.

Pushing himself harder, and harder, Scott Conley tries to beat his opponents in the 100 freestyle. Scott finished fifth against North Newton.

By: Greg Melton





# Swimming

"Kicking it into high gear!"

Swimmers pushed harder and harder to prepare themselves for Sectionals. Swimmers had to practice every afternoon for an hour and a half, except on weekends, with an invitational on Saturdays. "My father was a swimmer when he was my age, so I really wanted to try it out and was instantly hooked on it," said Austin Supernaut. Practice included a 500 yard warm-up, sprints, starts, turns, and finishes. At the end of the season, swimmers had practiced a total of

10,800 yards.

Swimming came coupled with diving. Sean Warren said, "My favorite part of swimming was the bus ride to Sectionals, I was very nervous and could not get rid of the butterflies in my stomach until Mark Melton made me laugh so hard I cried." It was this kind of friendship that made the long hours in the pool worthwhile.

"Swimming has changed my outlook on life because now I have been introduced to new people in a

calm surrounding. "I can now manage my time better than before," added Emily Peregrine.

Awards Co-Most Valuable Swimmer: Lindsey Sittema, Elizabeth Studer, Jonathan Clifford; Nathian Jackson. Most Improved: Alecia Penninga; Daniel Beedle. Rookie of the Year: Kaylie Fritts; Mark Melton. Most Valuable Diver: Corinne Janavich and Jonathan Clifford. Team Captains: Mary Frederich, Anne Janavich, Christine Miles, and Nathian Jackson.

## Boys

Row 1: Coach Daniel Roberts, Kyle Urbano, Sean Liston, Mark Melton, Jonathan Torbitt, Austin Supernaut, Jordan Kolb, Robert Erwin. Row 2: Austin Marlatt, Scott Conley, Daniel Beedle, Nathan Jackson, Nathan Schultz, Sean Warren, Jacob Bristol, Jonathan Clifford

## Girls

Row 1: Stephanie Talarek, Kelly Urbano, Christine Miles. Row 2: Jessica Witvoet, Carrie Barrera, Anne Janavich, Melanie Daniels, Miranda Green, Tanya Brockway, Brooke Davis. Row 3: Carrielle Baumgarte, Lindsay Sittema, Whitney Studer, Emily Peregrine, Julie Hamstra, Elizabeth Studer, Alecia Penninga, Kaylie Fritts, Corinne Janavich, Coach Kevin Stephens



## Inside view



Looking to the referee for the winning call, senior Sean Patrick holds Munsters 189lb wrestler in a tight grip, taking control of the match. "I think we all improved over the season, like working out the bugs. To prepare myself I had to go all out during practice the day before, and food always helped", commented Patrick.

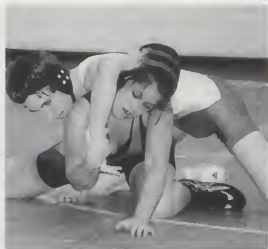


Trying to escape the opponent's hold, junior Edmund Kennedy pushes off the mats during KV's Invitational. This added points to his score and resulted in a pin.



While being honored at senior night, senior Cole Patrick stands with his mom Lori and dad Bruce. "Cole's injury midseason was definitely a freak accident, and it shouldn't have happened to him. By far he was the best wrestler on our team", commented Cole's cousin, Senior Sean Patrick.

Holding tight to the arms of his Spartan opponent, sophomore Nick Kearney adds to the score by pushing his face down on the mat. The night ended with another victory under their belts.



After a quick start, freshman Don Capouch gets in position just before pinning the 125lb North Newton Lady Wrestler. Females were uncommon in this sport.

While the referee moves into position, junior Patrick Cusack holds his Munster opponent down. After seconds passed with nothing but shoulder to mat contact, he added another win.

*By: Michelle Moran*



# Wrestling

"Go in for the pin"

**P**inning down one match at a time under the watchful eye of veteran Coach Walt Prochno, the much talked about "Patrick's" led the team through a season with three major injuries. In spite of Patrick Prochno's torn rotator cuff and Sean Patrick's inflamed football injury, the boys gave 100%. "Fighting through the season and dominating 80% of their matches, Patrick and Sean fought through their situations as bravely as you could ever hope to see. Frustrating and unfulfilling, but inspirational nonetheless. That's how you lead-by example," commented Coach Prochno.

Certain matches stood out as being a wrestler's most memorable. "It was the first match of the second day in a tournament over Christmas break. I was beating him 5 to 1 in the 1st period. As we went to the mat, I put my right arm out to brace my fall so he wouldn't get the take down. When we hit the mat, there was a loud snap. Next thing I know, I had two metal plates and 13 screws holding my arm together," commented senior Cole Patrick. Fullfilling thier goal of a winning season took more than just scheduled practices. Some played school sports, took weight training

classes and exercised outside of school.

"During the off season, I wrestled freestyle and went to Hanover Central's open gyms. I also went to a wrestling camp," added sophomore John Lapota.

With the end in sight, three of the four seniors left the arena with having been mentored by an icon for seven years. "I always knew I could count on them. For that, I and their teammates will always be in debt and grateful. Proud to say they not only held up the KV wrestling tradition; they added to it. Great job guys! I miss them already," added Coach Prochno.

## Varsity

Row 1: Assistant Coach John Polomchak, Edmund Kennedy, Sean Patrick, Darren Wireman, Patrick Prochno, Zachary Waters, Coach Walt Prochno. Row 2: Christopher Barcelli, Patrick Cusack, Trevor Bailey, Adam Mandeville, Tim Mars, Corey Molden, Tim Cusack. Row 3: Travis McDaniel, Jacque Szerba, John Lapota, Nick Kearney, Josh Bolen, Donovan Czarnicki



Using his strength to try and take down his competitor, Patrick Prochno overpowers his opponent with the moves he had worked to perfect during practices throughout the year.

## Leaving a Legacy

\* Patrick Prochno, as well as Sean Patrick and Cole Patrick, have wrestled under the watchful eye of Coach Walt Prochno for seven years.

\* Fortunately for the Kougars, Coach Prochno is said to be the most experienced wrestling coach in this part of the state and is approaching his 300th win after his 28th season at KV

\* AWARDS: Captains- Sean Patrick, Cole Patrick and Patrick Prochno, Ironmen- Tim Cusack, Pat Cusack, Nick Kearney, John Lapota, Rookie of the Year- Adam Mandeville, Academic Award- Patrick Prochno

"He will always be thought of as the guy who always has something to say. Coach Prochno's funniest saying was, "When you get put into a phone booth with a mountain lion, that's when it's time to get ticked!", commented sophomore John Lapota.



# Tennis

"Swinging Into It"

Coach Dan Roberts earned his 100th win as a Tennis coach in the same year his number one singles player advanced to state. "Tennis is so laid back. There's not a lot of pressure, but we still win," said state contender, junior Daniel Lewallen of the 10-6 season.

Starting with a new coach was the story for the girls'. Stepping in to take the position was alumni Scott Hamstra. "In the beginning changing coaches was a lot different, but we have all learned new things that have helped us to be better," said sophomore Melissa Roldan.

Playing against hard competition was just another opponent for the team. Crown Point, Munster, and Andrean were all state ranked teams that were on the team's schedule. "The girl I played from Munster was so incredibly good. She's ranked in the state. Let's just say it was a fast match," added junior Keely Woods.

Awards included: MVP- Daniel Lewallen, Rookie- Jordan Kolb, Most Improved- Jacob Watts. Most Improved: Brindy Hamstra, MVP: Lauren Laski, Rookie: Jessica Hamstra, Captains: Keely Woods and Brittany Scott.



Putting himself into the right position, sophomore Jordan Kolb gets ready to return the ball to his opponent.



Serving the ball, sophomore Kelli Hamstra competes against a number one singles player at Sectionals held in Crown Point.

Number one singles player, junior Daniel Lewallen awaits the return of the ball. Lewallen won Regionals and advanced to the state single's tournament.







Anticipating the first stroke of the racket from her Sectional opponent, junior Brittany Scott focuses on the ball.

As junior Derek Kunzman hits the ball back to his opponent, KV doubles team wins the match against Rensselaer.



## Inside view



"Competing in the Tennis Sectional was exciting and was a good experience to prepare me for next year. Abigail Sandonato and I won our match against Rensselaer 6-1, but then lost to Crown Point in the second round," said freshman Brindy Hamstra.



"In any sport, playing in Sectionals is a memorable event. Tennis Sectionals were fun because we beat Rensselaer in the first round! I think Brittany Scott and I played well together, and it was a good last match for me," said senior Lauren Laski.



## Boys

Row 1: Philip Stewart, Scot Wilder, Josiah Schaefer, Johnny Torbitt, Aaron Kurowsky, Kristopher Proud, Jordan Kolb, Erick Halaburt  
Row 2: Coach Roberts, Matthew Misch, Daniel Lewallen, Derek Kunzman, Matthew Hamstra, Michael Torbitt, Jacob Watts, Daniel Beedle



## Girls

Row 1: Lauren Laski, Keely Woods, Brittany Scott  
Row 2: Abigail Sandonato, Elizabeth Tilley, Melissa Roldan, Lauren Wierzbza  
Row 3: Lauren Leegwater, Jacquelyn DeVries, Morgan Myers, Brittany Heerema, Kelli Hamstra  
Row 4: Melanie Daniels, Laura Seegers, Jessica Hamstra, Ashley Jonkman, Tara Fieldhouse, Brindy Hamstra



# Golf

"One swing at a time"

**N**erve wracking silence around the tee shattered with joy as golfers advanced to Regional play.

With the experience of ten returning golfers, including Regional qualifier Emily Stein, "The girls were a little disappointed with a record of 10 and 11, but we shot our best in the Sectional, finishing 6th out of 13 teams," added Greenlee.

Awards: Most Valuable Emily Stein, Most Consistent Christy Roorda, Most Improved Erica Greenlee, Rookie of the year Heather McMillan, Etiquette Morgann VanKley.

Boys hit the links in the spring and outpowered their opponents throughout the season. In

Sectional play, they surprised area teams by outscoring Chesterton 321-324 behind the play of fifth man Brian Winter who shot 89. Senior Colin Serocinski led the boys 5-2. Using Head Coach DJ Sterrett's new challenge system, the boys played for numbers. While Colin battled junior Jeffrey McMillan for number one and two spots, senior Llogan Serocinski was in number three. Awards: Player of the year Colin Serocinski, Most Improved Brian Winter, Prime Time Player Llogan Serocinski, Most Dedicated Kenny Proud, Most Consistent Jeffrey McMillan, and Rookie of the Year-Gary Ison.



Just before practice, Coach Sterrett discusses the routine with junior Joshua Hall. He had the boys pick teams to mix up the numbers, to help with experiencing new competition.



While on Sandy Pines newly improved putting area, junior Morgann VanKley faces off in a match against Rensselaer.





Starting the day off with giving game balls away, Coach Greenlee stops to give a few pointers to senior Stephanie Poisel on the putting green. "Mr. Greenlee has helped me on and off the field. Whenever you feel like giving up, he makes it better," commented Poisel.

Practicing her accuracy on the practice green, junior Erica Greenlee takes shot after shot equalling fewer strokes on the green.



Keeping a tight grip on the club and his eyes on the ball, senior Colin Serocinski reaches back to take a swing at the ball and launches down number 14's fairway.

## Inside view



Away from the ball, junior Emily Stein reads hole #13 and decides how much power to use in her putt. "The best score I ever had was a 50, and my best meet was at an even 100. I stayed focused and did my best all year, and that's all that matters," said Stein.



Tapping the ball steadily on the green, senior Llogan Serocinski waits to see if his shot was accurate. Llogan was beat out by one stroke as his brother Colin shot a 76 at Sectional. The team of Jeff M. 86, Colin 76, Llogan 77, Gary 82 and Brain 89 advanced to Regionals.

## Girls

Row 1: Trisha Poisel, Stephanie Poisel, Kelsey Nannenga, Jacquelyn DeVries. Back Row: Emily Peregrine, Erica Greenlee, Christy Roorda, Emily Stein, Ashley Jonkman, Coach Doug Greenlee, Jorie Kingma, Morgann VanKley, Kelsey Allen, Brittanny Coffey, Katherine Hubbell.

## Boys

Coach DJ Sterrett, Kenny Proud, Brian Winters, Rick Newton, Michael Zylstra, Michael Terborg, Benjamin Bryan, Jeffrey McMillian. Row 2: Walter Wians, Edmund Kennedy, Daniel Beedle, Kyle Whited, Kris Proud, Gary Ison, Llogan Serocinski. Row 3: Patrick Prochno, Kevin Klemp, Colin Serocinski, Jason Polomchak, Joshua Hall.

By: Michelle Moran

# Track

"Running into State"

At the start of the season, the track team consisted of 30 boys and 26 girls with eight returning for their fourth year.

At the end, it was just junior Dustin Wilson at the state meet on June 3 where he placed 12th with a time of 49.03. Wilson broke the Sectional record for the 400 meter dash with a time of 49.66. "Qualifying for state in the 400 meter dash was definitely uplifting to me especially by beating my personal record by 1 second. I'm also seeded 3rd in state," said Wilson. Other records broken included Dean Tillema who shattered the Sectional record for the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 41.77.

Other outstanding moments included Clarisa Bonilla breaking the school record for the 400 meter dash with a time of 59.9. Clarisa said, "When I broke the school record for the 400 meter dash, initially I did not feel the best physically, but after I

recovered, I was really happy. I had finally done it."

Awards: MV Distance: Destiny Baccino and Jamie VanderMolen, MV Sprinter/Hurdler: Kirah Fifield, MV Middle Distance: Clarisa Bonilla, MV Jumper: Julie Dykstra and Page Walczak, MV Thrower: Jessi Jungles, Rookie: Candace Leegwater, Kougur Pride: Stephanie Poisel, Most Improved: Jamie Wireman, Captains: Jessi Jungles, Clarisa Bonilla, Stephanie Poisel, Alana Williams, Jamie VanderMolen, Destiny Baccino.

Boys Track: Rookie: David Walstra, MV Sprinter: Dustin Wilson, MV Distance: Jeremy Jackson, Academic: Ryan Smeltzer, MV Field Event: Josh Fifield, Captains: Throwers: Billy Recker, Distance: Jeremy Jackson, Sprint: Dustin Wilson.



Feeling the pain in his legs, junior Mark Melton pushes on against his opponents in the LAC finals at Highland.



Soaring over the bar, sophomore Corinne Janavich attempts to beat the height of her opponent at the KV Invite.







Spinning before she releases her discus, senior Jessi Jungels tries to gain that extra inch to move on to the next competition.

Pacing himself through the race, senior Jeromy Jackson passes his opponent from Highland in the final stretch of his heat in the 1600 meter dash.



## Inside view



"I joined track because I was in it in middle school, and I wanted to get better at running. The guys on the team are great," said Jeffery Laski.



"I was motivated to participate in track because I wanted to stay in shape, and it's fun. I also like the competition," said Destiny Baccino.



## Girls

Row 1: Jamie Wireman, Laura Myers, Mallory Wierzb, Alana Williams, Clarisa Bonilla, Jillian Conley, Row 2: Tasha Jones, Julie Dykstra, Corinne Janavich, Katrina VanderWoude, Candace Leegwater, Amanda Colbert, Destiny Baccino, Carrielle Baumgarte, Row 3: Rebecca Tortorella, Chelsea Hensel, Jamie Moore, Melissa Talarek, Kirah Fifield, Row 4: Coach Kevin Stephens, Stephanie Poisel, Carrie Barrera, Jessi Jungels, Emily Peregrine, Page Walczak, Coach Lane Lewallen



## Boys

Row 1: Matthew DeFries, Joshua Fifield, Daniel Hudspeth, Ryan Smeltzer, Joseph Barrera, John Laski, Saintvushin Erdenechmeg, Jeffery Laski, Row 2: Dustin Wilson, Dean Tillema, Nick Wright, Tyler Ritchie, David Starzinsky, Timothy Mandeville, Jeromy Jackson, Joshua Tillema, Row 3: Garry Jones, Scott Conley, Jonathon Clifford, Donald Capouch, Brandon DeYoung, Sean Warren, Zachariah Schaefer, Row 4: Coach Daniel Roberts, Lindsay Sittma, Adam McDaniel, Kevin Zuchowski, William Recker, Joseph Campbell, Mark Melton, David Waltra, Coach Walter Prochno

Running the 400 meter dash, senior Clarisa Bonilla placed 2nd in the Lake Athletic Conference finals that were held at Andean High School.

# Baseball

"Out of the Park"

The crack of the bat, the thud of the mit, and the smell of the grass signaled the brand new baseball season. With the hard work and dedication from the boys, the 18 year head coach Doug Greenlee was able to end the season with a record of 13 -14. He also earned his 400th career win in a 13-1 decision over Lowell. "I credit all the players," said a teary-eyed Coach Greenlee. "They played their hearts out." Seniors anticipated the victory and planned a celebration where they presented Greenlee with a baseball signed by the whole team.

Continuing their winning streak, the varsity boys won two of the three games in the LAC tourney and went on to score nine first-inning runs in a 12-6 victory over West Central. As the year drew to a close, the team hammered Gary Roosevelt

25-3 in the first game of the Sectionals. Pitcher Sean Nannenga said, "My motivation has just been loving the sport. I have played baseball all my life." In the second game of Sectionals, the boys lost 10-0 against long time baseball rival Andean.

Varsity Awards: Mental Attitude: Jordan VanWienen, RBI's: Derek Kunzman 39, Highest Batting Average: Matt Dobin .505, Most Home Runs: Matt Dobin and Cory Bifoss with 4 each. Lowest ERA: Matt Dobin 3.62, Most Pitching Wins: Alex Byers and Micah Raebel each with 4, Best On Base Percentage: Matt Dobin .637, and "Vuko" Award: Don Tilley. JV: Highest Batting: Chris Cooper, Lowest E.R.A.: Nick Kearney, Most R.B.I.'s: Kevin O'Neal, Most Runs, Danny Schmidt, Freshman: Best Mental Attitude: Tyler Cox, Best Batting Average: Trent Jackson, Pitching Award: Sam Bass.



Making full contact with the ball, junior Derek Kunzman completes a base-

clearing double in his first trip to the plate, and added a two-run single later in the inning.

By: Michelle Moran

As Bishop Noll leads off at second base, junior Sean Nannenga catches the throw and ends the play. "Beating Andean was the most exciting because I know that we had not beat them until this year," commented Nannenga.





Expressing their excitement, varsity boys huddle around homeplate to congratulate junior Matthew Dobin on his home run. "Kevin Corbett was one of the main people who could excite the team. He would always yell crazy things just to get a rise out of us. All you could do was laugh!" commented junior Matthew Dobin.

Keeping his eye on the ball, senior Troy Jackson gets in position to stop the score. "This milestone means a lot to us. We wanted to get the win right after 399, not after a losing streak," Jackson said. "It also means a lot more coming from an LAC Black team."



## Inside view



Ending the inning, junior Cory Bifoss catches the ball thrown from third baseman, senior Troy Jackson.



After hitting the ball down the third base line, senior Benjamin Stein ran straight through to second base where he was later tagged out. Stein was one of four seniors who have been playing under Greenlee's watch for four years.

## Varsity

Row 1: Jordan VanWiemen, Micah Raebel, Nicolas Miranda, Christopher Cooper. Row 2: Matthew Dobin, Troy Jackson, Skyler Cavinder, Cory Bloss, Donald Tilley, Corey Morse, Joshua Cambe, Scorebook keeper Rex Marskamp. Row 3: Asst Coach Rick Cunningham, Alex Byers, Derek Kurzman, Sean Nannenga, Benjamin Stein, Wesley Clifton, Kevin Corbett, Head Coach Doug Greenlee

## Junior Varsity

Row 1: Devon Jordan, Jordan Kolb, Jeffrey Jansma, Daniel Schmidt. Row 2: Matthew Oliver, Adam Mandeville, Kevin O'Neal, Jake Birky. Row 3: Mitchell Sytsma, Joshua Garrison, Jacob Watts, Cale Popp, Coach Ryan Armstrong

## Freshmen

Row 1: Joshua Bolen, Samuel Bass Row 2: Zachary Waters, Trent Jackson, Tyler Cox, Timothy Marse, Mark Dobin Row 3: Joshua Smith, Donovan Czarnecki, Mark Dobin, Cory Coulter

# Softball

Swing batter batter batter swing into Regionals!

All it took was one swing by sophomore short stop Krystal Higgerson and nine scoreless innings to beat Sectional Host Andrean who was ranked third in the state. "All the newspaper photographers were on Andrean's side as they waited for their victory, then Krystal hit it over the fence, and bam we were headed to game two of the Sectional," said junior third baseman Olivia Ortiz.

In game two they pounded Gary Roosevelt 23-0 to advance to Regional play against North Prairie (28-3). The only run came in the fourth inning for New Prairie. The losing pitcher was Jessica Dobson who gave up eight hits. This was the first time Coach Brian Flynn took his team to Regional in the 13 years he has

coached softball.

Freshman Jessica Dobson also broke a school record at Wheeler by striking out 17 batters. "I approached each game with a goal of working as hard as I could for the team, and it felt great to break the record," said Dobson.

Awards: Varsity: Best Batting Avg.: Detra Wood .268, Most RBI's Krystal Higgerson-17, Most Extra Base Hits: Detra Wood 10, Most Stolen Bases: Olivia Ortiz, Most Strike Outs: Jessica Dobson: 165 (school record), Golden Glove: Allison Plopper

JV-Có-Offensive: Nicole Henning, LeighAnn Skratsky, Defensive Player: Heather McMillan, Most Improved: Paige Hardin, Hustle Award: Ashley Zavala.



Diving to catch the ball, junior Brittany Niemiec stretches to touch a runner out at home base. "The softball team is like a family. We all have our disagreements, but at the end of the day, we all get along again," said Niemiec.



Getting ready for the pitch, junior Jacquelynn Scheidt attempts to bunt the ball. "I love the sport and playing with all of my friends. I started playing when I was little and have been playing ever since," said Scheidt.







Warming up for a home game, sophomore Krystal Higgerson fields a ground ball. Higgerson hit two homeruns including the 10th inning Sectional winning run.

Throwing the first pitch of the game, sophomore Jessica Dobson pitches a no-hitter against the Wheeler Bearcats.



Warming up for the game, senior Allison Plopper throws the ball to first base. "Hitting a home run at Andean is something that I will never forget. I never would have thought that would happen," said Plopper. Plopper was the lone senior on the squad.

*By: Anastasia Christian*

## Inside view



"My most memorable moment was winning at the Andean Sectional game for the first time in KV history. After nine scoreless innings, sophomore short stop Krystal Higgerson hit the ball over the fence, and the Kougars were treated for pizza by the coaches," added junior Olivia Ortiz who played infield.



"I play because I enjoy the competition. I enjoy pushing myself to be the best. My most memorable moment was pitching two no hitters," said sophomore Detra Wood.

## Varsity

Row 1: Nicole Henning, Detra Wood, Jessica Dobson, Angela Donis, Jacquelynne Scheidt, Krystal Higgerson  
Row 2: Ashley Hudspeth, Amanda Villalpando, Stephanie Boling, Allison Plopper, Brittany Niemiec, Olivia Ortiz, Amber Gooden, Lindsey Skratsky  
Row 3: Coach Wood, Coach Bryan Flynn, Coach Mike Hart.

## Jr. Varsity

Row 1: Ashley Zavala, Jessica Middleton, Paige Hardin, Whitney Gladdis, Alyssa Tronjo  
Row 2: Jenna Lewandowski, Jodi Anderson, Kelsey Allen, Heather McMillan, Kerri Persson, Abby Tognarelli, Amanda O'Neal  
Row 3: Heather Anderson, Jessica Higgerson, Trisha Pissel, Leigh Ann Skratsky, Pamela Zuchowski, Hannah Sparks, Elise Jolink, Coach Peo.

## Varsity Volleyball

South Bend 25-20, 20-25, 14-16 L  
Goshen 23-25, 25-20, 17-19 L  
Rossville 25-16, 25-11 W  
Peru 25-10, 25-22 W  
Rensselaer Central 25-15, 25-20, 25-15 W  
Penn 19-25, 14-25 L  
Valparaiso 17-25, 17-25 L  
Plymouth 17-25, 25-20, 12-15 L  
Peru 25-19, 25-18 W  
Highland 25-18, 25-17 W  
Hebron 25-18, 25-17 W  
Hammond Morton 24-26, 17-25 L  
New Prairie 23-25, 17-25 L  
Merrillville 18-25, 23-25 L  
\*Not all shown.  
Record 21-12

## Boys Tennis

Benton Central 4-1 L  
Rensselaer 5-0 W  
Lake Station 5-0 W  
Knox 3-2 L  
East Chicago 5-0 W  
Griffith 3-2 W  
Wheeler 5-0 W  
Munster 5-0 L  
Andean 5-0 W  
Highland Doubles 6th out of 8  
Marquette 4-1 W  
Lowell 5-0 L  
Highland 5-0 L  
Knox Tournament 4th out of 8  
North Judson 4-1 W  
Calumet 4-1 W  
Sectional Rensselaer 5-0 W  
Crown Point 4-1 L  
Record 10-5

## Girls Soccer Varsity

Hanover Central 8-0 W  
Boone Grove 3-1 W  
MC Marquette 8-0 W  
Andean 2-4 L  
Hobart 0-4 L  
Morton 9-0 W  
Munster 0-1 L  
Wheeler 7-0 W  
Highland 3-1 W  
Griffith 7-3 W  
Rensselaer 5-0 W  
Lowell 2-1 W  
Hammond 5-0 W  
Clark 1-0 W  
EC Central 9-0 W  
Clark 8-0 W  
Boone Grove 1-0 W  
Valparaiso 0-4 L  
Record 14-4

## Girls Golf

Wheeler 239-226 W  
Lowell 217-Andean 234- 235 W  
KV Invite 16th out of 20  
Rensselaer Invite 16 out of 20  
Highland 267-229 L  
Munster 184-226 W  
West Central-216 KV-226  
N Newton 232 N Judson-253 3rd  
Rensselaer 198-222 W  
KV-223 Noll Inv.  
Boone Grove-198 South Newton-206  
KV 229 W  
Calumet-302  
Wheeler-231 L  
Lowell-207 KV-221 N Judson-268  
KV-486 LAC- 6th out of 9  
Winamac-221 W  
Andean-262 -221 L  
Rensselaer Central Sec. KV-437 6th  
out of 13  
Record 10-11



Emily Stein



Detra Wood



Linsdev Skratsky



Joshua Fifielf



Scot Wilder



Joseph Barrera



Ashley Jonkman

By: Michelle Moran

## Cross Country

N.White Inv. -1st  
McCutcheon Inv.-3rd  
LAC at Munster- 4/8  
Harrison Inv.-20/43  
LAC at Griffith - 3/8  
Lowell Inv.- 4/11  
LAC at Wheeler - 5/9  
New Prairie Inv. - 7/23, Girls 12/24  
Winamac, N Judson - 1/3  
Highland Inv.- 7/21, Girls 8/18  
N. Newton Inv.-1st  
KV Inv. inc  
Andean Inv.-1/10  
LAC Conf. at Lowell- 7th, Girls- 6th  
Sectional at Rensselaer - 1st  
Regional at Harrison- 5th, Girls -24th  
Semi State at N. Prairie

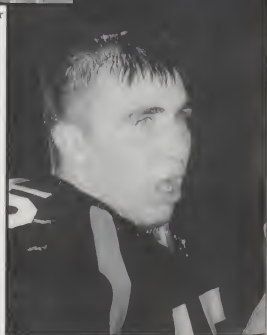
## Boys Varsity Soccer

Andean 0-4 L  
East Chicago 1-IT  
Griffith 5-3 W  
Highland 1-2 L  
Bishop Noll 0-1 L  
Morton 3-2 L  
Benton Central 3-0 W  
Wheeler 3-2 W  
Lowell 1-6 L  
Illiana 3-2 L  
Clark 0-1 W  
Covenant Christian 2-5 W  
Marquette Catholic 5-7 W  
Michigan City 5-2 L  
Gavit 2-5 W  
Hammond High 9-4 L  
Westville 2-9 W  
Valparaiso 5-1 L  
Record 7-10-1

## Varsity Football

Munster L 21-28  
At Rensselaer Central L 2-37  
At Lake Station W 49-3  
Hammond Noll W 44-7  
At Hammond Gavit W 44-20  
At Hammond Clark W 37-7  
Calumet W 55-14  
Wheeler W 24-21  
At Whiting L 7-35  
At Munster W 32-26  
At Lowell L 6-41

With eyes on the field, sophomore Corey Molden watches as his teammates battle on. He and the rest of the defensive line caught their breath before their time came to return to the line.



Christine Roorda



Alana Williams



Brittany Scott



Cross Country



Jacob Watts



Adam McDaniel

Nathanael Stoermann



Tennis



Varsity Football



FCA: Row 1: Stevie Alexander, Jennifer Kurowsky, Cory Bifoss, Clarisa Bonilla, Lauren Laski, Mark Nikolas, Jillian Kolb, Joseph Kent. Row 2: Christine Roorda, Rachel Kikkert, Melanie Daniels, Kelsey VanKampen, Katrina VanderWoude, Kelly Hamstra, Melanie Klunder, Brittany Coffey. Row 3: Jessica Dobson, Elise Jolink, Jacquelynne Scheidt, Zach Schaefer, Matt Oliver, Corinne Janavich, Craig Curtis, Hannah Sparks. Row 4: Tara Fieldhouse, Ashley Hudspeth, Phillip Laney, Josiah Schaefer, Zac Waters, Kelli Terborg, Ryan Kikkert, Daniel Hudspeth. Row 5: Sean Nannenga, Kevin Corbett, Kaylee Fritts, Clay Prairie, Brittany Heerma, Brent Kikkert, Kyle DeJong, Jeff Laski

Above left: Junior Powder Puff: Front Row: Tiffany Livengood, Coach Heather Lyons, Sarah Luttringer. Row 2: Ashley Zavala, Kristina Wyrick, Jessica Fritz, Kelsey Nannenga, Brittany Nimec. Row 3: Jennifer Davis, Jennifer McMahon, Sara Atchley, Amber Gooden, Christine Roorda, Angela Wood, Courtney McGraw. Row 4: Melissa Easto, Jessica Wray, Jeni Meyer, Brooke Davis, Melanie Daniels.

Just after a touchdown, cheerleaders perform their own rendition of the school song while working together with the band in the stands. Together they helped bring home a victory. "I really love being in front of people and getting the crowd involved with the school spirit," commented junior Crystal Flores.



## Varsity Softball (13-17)

Lowell 7-0 L  
 Griffith 5-3 L  
 Highland 2-7 W  
 Wheeler 0-3 W  
 Hebron 0-1 W  
 Hobart 6-5 L  
 Munster 4-0 L  
 Tri-County 0-2 W, 0-2 W  
 Andean 3-0 L  
 M.C. Marquette 1-0 L  
 Bishop Noll 5-2 L  
 Merrillville 2-1 L  
 Portage 1-0 L  
 Lowell 7-4 L  
 Griffith 1-2 W  
 Hammond 0-10 W  
 Highland 4-3 L  
 Penn 11-2 L  
 Griffith 13-2 L  
 Highland 8-1 L  
 Hobart 5-2 L  
 North Judson 0-1 W  
 Munster 5-0 L  
 Andean 6-2 L  
 Bishop Noll 0-2 W  
 Westville 1-4 W  
 Rensselaer 2-3 W  
 Andean 0-1 W (Sectional Win)  
 Gary Roosevelt 0-23 W (Sectional Championship)  
 Regional Prairie 1-0 L

## Girls Tennis (7-5)

Hammond Morton 5-0 W  
 Wheeler 5 0 W  
 Goshen Tourney: Bremen 2-3 L  
 Fremont 4-1 W  
 Goshen 1-4 L  
 Munster 0-5 L  
 Hammond Gavit 3-2 W  
 Knox Tourney: KV 32, Rochester 25,  
 Twin Lakes 15, Boone Grove 13  
 Andean 1-4 L  
 Lowell 5-0 W  
 River Forest 4-1 W  
 Highland 0-5 L  
 Lake Station 5-0 W  
 Rensselaer 4-1 W (Sectional Win)  
 Crown Point 0-5 L

## Girls Track (13-1)

LAC Quad: KV-97, Andean-72,  
 Griffith-47, Lake Station-10  
 Hanover Central-55, KV-67  
 LAC Quad: Munster-102, KV-70,  
 Lowell-59, Clark-3  
 Twin Lakes Relays: KV-73 3rd Place  
 Twin Lakes: KV-97, Twin Lakes-  
 46, South Newton-23.5  
 Gene Edmunds Relays: KV-129 1st  
 North Judson-35 KV-88  
 LAC Meet: KV-86.5 3rd  
 KV Invite: KV 150, CC-60.3 MT-  
 51.3, River Forest-19.3, Boone  
 Grove-14  
 KV Sectional: KV 3rd

## Boys Golf (13-3)

Hobart 189-182 W  
 RCIIIS 177-170 W  
 Clark 224-180 W  
 Munster 190-178 W  
 Hanover Central 181-181 W  
 Wheeler 196-181 W  
 Highland 180-167 W  
 Boone Grove 175-178 L  
 Knox 199-178 W  
 Bishop Noll 185-160 W  
 Griffith 174- 187 L  
 West Central 224-167 W  
 Andean 180-178 W  
 Lowell 168-171 L  
 North Judson 202-159 W  
 Sectional: Third place-321

Regional:



Baseball Team



Abigail Sandonato



Destiny Baccino



Jordan VanWienen



Candice Leegwater



Alicia Penninga



Kevin Corbett



Emily Peregrine



Troy Jackson

By: Olivia Ortiz

## Boys Track (39-9)

Andean-88, KV-82, Griffith-52,  
 Lake Station-15  
 KV-88, Hanover Central-49  
 Munster-96.5, Lowell-89,  
 KV-58.5, Clark-0  
 Twin Lakes Relays: KV-81, Twin  
 Lakes-83, SM-53, BC-45, RC-35  
 Twin Lakes-89, KV-73,  
 South Newton-5  
 Rensselaer Relays: KV-148, BC-96,  
 RC-73.5, NN-39.5, SN-13  
 KV-96.5, North Judson-26.5  
 LAC Finals: 5th  
 River Forest-25, KV-110,  
 Boone Grove-33  
 Rensselaer Sectional: 2nd

## Varsity Baseball (16-14)

Gary Roosevelt 0-19 W, 2-22 W  
 Boone Grove 21-5 L  
 Hebron 10-9 L  
 Kouts 3-17 W  
 Twin Lakes Relays: KV-10 L  
 Lowell 2-11 W  
 Griffith 9-7 L  
 Highland 7-8 W  
 Calumet 0-2 W  
 Hobart 7-8 W  
 Munster 13-2 L  
 North Newton 2-5 W  
 Andean 11-12 W  
 Bishop Noll 10-0 L  
 Hammond Morton 10-2 L  
 Lake Station 1-11 W  
 Lowell 1-13 W  
 West Central 6-12 W  
 South Newton 0-23 W

LaCrosse 9-11 W  
 Hammond Gavit 2-3 W  
 Gary Roosevelt 3-25 W (Sectional Win)  
 Andean 10-0 L (Sectional)

Trying to catch up to the lead runner, sophomore Katrina VanderWoude paces herself as the pack turns the corner.

Far right: Warming up the pitcher to start the game against North Judson, junior Brittany Niemic keeps her balance while the pitch is released.





Sean Nannenga



Clarisa Bonilla



Ashley Jonkman



Stephanie Poisel



Elise Jolink



Joshua Tillema



Dustin Wilson



Micah Raebel



Corinne Janavich



Kougar Krazies Row 1: Matthew Oliver, Rebecca Tortorella, Eric Nieto, Mark Nikolas, Lauren Laski, Cole Patrick, Clarisa Bonilla, Rachel Wilkinson, Stacey Polomchak Row 2: Cory Biloss, Nichole Wright, Brandon Phillips, Steven DeVries, Stephanie Boling, Allison Schultz, Jacquelynn Scheidt, Mary Frederich Row 3: Jennifer McMahon, Jennifer Davis, Stephanie Rainwater, Steven Lovas, Katherine Misiak, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. Dykstra, Mrs. Shields Row 4: Crystal Cabellero, Heather McCaulley, Christy Roorda, Sara Atchley, Landen Krupchak, Daniel Kwasniewski, Stephanie Mann Row 5: Melaine Klunder, Erica Greenlee, Rachel Kikkert, Destiny Baccino, Jennifer Kurowsky, Alana Williams, Trvy Jackson, Nicholas Miranda Row 6: Abigail Sandomano, Daniel Levallen, Ryan Smeltzer, Joshua Hall, Stephanie Talarek, Natalie Brasel, Heather Graham, Sara Row Row 7: Mark Melton, Elizabeth Guzzo, Sean Nannenga, Jessica Nuss, Mallory Wierzb, Cody Seegers, Cecilia Junlo-Serra, Shannon Abrell, Logan Serucinski Row 8: Colin Serocinski, Ashley Jonkman, Lindsey Shea, Andrew McKee, Melaine Daniels, Kelsey Nannenga, Kara Prentoski, Meagan Anderson.

Row 1: Matthew Lovely, Amy Dykstra, Ashlie Collins, Miranda Gonzalez, Ashley Hudspeth, Amanda Villalpando, Heather McMillan, Lauren Hamstra, Kendie Terborg, Brittney Whitman, Jennifer Henderson Row 2: Jeff Laski, Chris Schiavone, Kale Popp, Trevor Marvin, Megan Axtell, Kelsey Vankampen, Michelle Dahn, Ryan Kikkert, Erick Halaburt Row 3: Andrew Matson, Britta Longstreth, Brittney Heerema, Megan Ganzeveld, Ashley Ganzeveld, Robbi Jo Davis, Laura Myers, Lauren Hale, Row 4: Emily Peregrine, Kaitlyn Hansen, Adam Betancourt, Daniel Hudspeth, Taylor VanVuren, Kathryn Howard, Adeline Zerkel, Heather Marianowski, Lauren Leegwater, Melissa Roland, Samantha Jordan, Row 5: Zach Waters, Stephanie Wright, Lauren Wierzb, Brent Kikkert, Tiffany Wilson, Julie Dykstra, Jessica Witvoet, Krystal Higerson, Katie Pajkos, Row 6: Julia Kowalewski, Meredith Hammons, Kayla Sadowski, Marissa Tillema, Ashley Sholes, Jenna Lewandowski, Miranda Steele, Aaron Kurowsky, Samantha Tinglof, Row 7: Walter Wians, Chelsea Hensel, Marissa Talarek, Donald Capouch, Adrienne Flick, Amanda Peters, Alyssa Tronjo, Nicole Henning, Kaylee Fritts

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1. Carri Dickerson,  
Michelle Moran  
2. Clifford Meadows,  
John Lapota,  
Augustus McCloskey  
3. Carrielle  
Baumgarte, Ashley  
Antkowiak, Carlin  
Oezer, Ashton

DeVries, Sarah Eich,  
Vanessa Acevedo,  
Jamie Moore  
4. Whitney Gladdis,  
Ashley Sholes  
5. Senior Leader Jamie  
Vandermolen,  
Freshmen  
6. Keith Axtell

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GATE 1



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# These are our . . . Clubs

Individual choice in a group atmosphere highlighted club activity in the valley. Students picked clubs in which they could pursue their interests out of the class. Sunshine which focused on community involvement was highlighted by volunteering at care centers, selling baked foods at wrestling and volleyball meets, and holding a Scholarship Dinner. Band members Katherine Misiak, Rachel Wilkinson, Sally Wallenstein and Scott Conley earned a spot on the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra. Wilkinson also served as concert master where she tuned the orchestra, answered questions and helped with fingering and bowing positions. Chamber of Commerce asked the Art Club to paint snowmen for 10 local businesses. The snowmen had to be finished by the beginning of November. Altering books was a new item for the Art Club. It involved adding pictures or items to books. Many of the students made the book with a theme and gave them to someone special. All in all these were only some of the activities that created stories **In The Valley.**

By:  
Giobhan Urbano

# Kolor Guard

Dancing with the stars

\* During Christmas break, Shannon Abrell, Alexa Murray, Brandy DeVries, Adriana Garza, Tiffany Livengood, and coaches Michele Abrell and Lori Schoonveld had the opportunity to go to Florida to perform at the Citrus Bowl.

\* Fundraisers included a car wash and selling Krispy Creme donuts and caramel apples.

\* They also held a mini camp to raise money. Thirty-one girls ages 7 to 12 participated. Campers got the opportunity to perform during half time of the January 27 basketball game. The routine was choreographed by the Kolor Guard the week before the performance.

\* Kolor Guard may have looked easy, but it was a lot of hard work. They practiced after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They had to learn a new routine for every performance they had.

\* Kolor Guard went to competitions with the band.

\* They also performed at State Fair Band Day, Twin Lakes Competition, and North Judson Competition.

\* At marching camp they were awarded a plaque from Marching Auxillaries. They also won four awards from North Judson camp.

\* Kolor Guard's final performance of the year was on February 24.

\* Sponsors were Michele Abrell and Lori Schoonveld.



Following the lead of senior Shannon Abrell and sophomore Brittany Mann, the mini Kougarettes perform the routine during half time of the basketball game. Thirty-one girls attended mini camp.

Top right: Waiting to perform during half time of the football game, freshman Kourtney Frieden, senior Stephanie Mann, sophomore Brittany Mann, and junior Tiffany Livengood cheer on the football squad.



Stopped in action during the annual Touch of Dutch parade, freshman Tanya Lynch awaits the forward movement of the band. Rain held off just long enough for the parade to complete its route.



# Happenin' Highlights



"My most memorable moment in Kolor Guard has to be being able to go to Orlando Florida to perform in the Capital One Bowl during halftime. It was so exciting to perform in front of all the people. Also getting to go to Disney World and spending New Years at Islands of Adventure while we were there was awesome," said sophomore Alexa Murray.



"My favorite thing about Kolor Guard is that we get to meet new people when we travel, and we get lots of opportunities to do things like going to Florida to perform at the Citrus Bowl! That was the most amazing and fun time I have ever had," said junior Tiffany Livengood.



"Winning every award possible in the North Judson field show with a difficult rifle routine in front of our old choreographer was my most memorable moment," said senior Shannon Abrell, who enjoyed performing with her "seven sisters".



Row 1: Stephanie Mann, Shannon Abrell,  
Row 2: Adriana Garza, Tiffany Livengood,  
Row 3: Chelsea Belt, Alexa Murray,  
Kourtney Frieden, Brittany Mann

By: Dayna  
DeVries

Performing during a basketball game, freshman Kourtney Frieden concentrates on having a great performance. "One of my favorite things about Kolor Guard is all of the girls in it. They're all so sweet, and we're all really close. I also love being able to perform in front of people and learning a lot of new and fun routines." Winter Guard performed at every home basketball game.



# Concert

"Performing music in Harmony"

"Each band member has his or her own reason for being in band," Senior Andrew Mullins not only played in concert band, he also played in jazz band, orchestra, and in his band called the *Viscids*. "It gets very overwhelming being in all these bands. It is very time consuming, but well worth it, at the end of the day," said Mullins.

"My favorite thing about band was the drum line. We're like family. We are all so crazy, but we all love each other for it," said senior Jazmyn Allen.

"Jazz Band won a silver in ISSMA as a group.

"In December Jazz Band played multiple songs for the Rotary luncheons.

"ISSMA competition for Jazz Band was held in LaPorte.

"Concert Band won a gold in ISSMA and a silver in sight reading.

"The ISSMA for Concert Band was held in Logansport.

"I played the "American Frontier" by Nancy Faber on the piano. I was very nervous and agitated before I played, but the judge was nice and understanding. When I found out that I got a perfect score, I was in shock, absolute disbelief," said sophomore pianist Felicia Fahey.

"Orchestra and Concert joined the Choir to play in the Pops Concert on May 11.

"The following awards included: Drum Major Pins: Sally Wallenstein and Lindsey Tobias. Outstanding Freshman: John Shebesh, Outstanding Sophomore: Felicia Fahey, Outstanding Junior: Sean Warren, Outstanding Marching Band: Anne Janavich, Outstanding Concert Band Sally Wallenstein, Spirit Award Sean Warren, Woody Herman Jazz Awards: Andrew Mullins, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: Steven Roelfs, National School Orchestra: Rachel Wilkinson, Patrick S. Gilmore Award: Katie Misiak, John Philip Sousa Award: Sally Wallenstein.



"Sometimes when we have a concert or contest the week gets to be crunch time. Everybody gets mad at each other and stressed out because they are trying to get ready," said sophomore Stephanie Rainwater.

Above right: During first hour, junior Andrew Hershman plays the trumpet with his classmates.



During class, sophomore Felicia Fahey practices with the whole group. She also played the piano and was a member of the marching drumline.



# Happenin' Highlights



"My most memorable moment in the past four years was when we went to the State Fair. It was so much fun. It was probably the only thing I really enjoyed this whole year," said senior Cassy Dickerson.



"For ISSMA, we all went to Logansport. I thought we all did a really good job. I was so excited that we accomplished winning a gold medal. All of our practicing had finally paid off," said junior Travis McDaniel.



"I have been involved in band since sixth grade. My sister Brittany inspired me a little bit because she was in band, but it was ultimately me who wanted to join because I enjoyed music," said sophomore Brianna Patton.



Row 1: Andrew Tillema, Robert Erwin, Sean Warren, Michael Hunter, Andrew Hershman, David Myers, Andrew Keichum, Row 2: Jessica Wivvoet, Cassy Dickerson, Steven Roelfs, Katherine Misiak, Hanna Sparks, Travis McDaniel, Jason Shebesh, Row 3: Felicia Fahey



"My most memorable moment was the Christmas concert. The whole flute section decorated our flutes with ribbons. Each one was different, and it looked really pretty," said junior Anne Janavich.

Concentrating on playing, each note to perfection, senior Sally Wallenstein participates in orchestra.

By: Carri  
Dickerson

# Orchestra &

Keeping the world in tune

# Band

\* Senior members of orchestra, Caitlin Sittema, Clarisa Bonilla, Bradley Herr, Sara Boer and Christine Miles were some of the original members of the first middle school orchestra class back in eighth grade.

\* The band played at Purdue University during half time with the Lafayette High School band.

\* Orchestra has played at school concerts, ISSMA contest (Indiana State School Music Association), and at local events.

\* Jessica Nuss, Shawna Watkins, Sally Wallenstein, and Rachel Wilkinson won gold medals at the Solo and Ensemble contest on February 4 at Valparaiso High School.

\* Rachel Wilkinson and Sally Wallenstein went to state.

\* Sally Wallenstein was also chosen to play with and join the all state band. She was also a part of the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony along with Rachel Wilkinson, Scott Conley, and Katherine Misiak.

\* Orchestra and band have won lots of awards including honors in music performance, visual achievement, and auxiliary honors.

Practicing for their first concert, Freshmen Tayna Lynch, Jennifer Hershman, Katlyn Hansen, and Kourtney Frieden concentrate on the intricate structure of classical music.



Band and Kolor Guard Row 1: Felicia Fahey, Robert Erwin, Emily Penninga, Bethany Ferguson, Daniel Breyts, Anastasia Christian, Timothy McDaniel, Jazmyin Allen Row 2: Sally Wallenstein, Brittany Mann, Andriana Garza, Alexa Murray, Kourtney Frieden, Shannon Abrell, Stephanie Mann, Brandy DeVries, Tiffany Livengood, Chelsea Belt, Tanya Lynch, Lindsey Tobias, Mr. Ken Steidle Row 3: Mrs. Abrell, Candy Miller, Rachel Uildriks, Katherine Misiak, Sarah Luttminger, Tara Jones, Holly Salerno, Alecia Penninga, Aleah Randolph, Jessica Gaskins, Anne Janavich, Alyssa Potts, Sara Little, Mrs. Schoonveld. Row 4: Cortnie McLellan,

Katelyn Pajkos, Maggie Forden, Brianna Patton, Morgan Myers, Shawna Watkins, Stephanie Rainwater, Lauren Hale, Vicki Murray, James Remmers, Bradley Hoffman, Keith Astell. Row 5: Samantha Marelich, John Shebesh, Augustus McCloskey, Patrick Fraley, Elise Jolink, John Lapota, Chloe Wallenstein Row 6: Jessica Vivvoet, Matthew Patton, Ryan Wynkoop, Michelle Dahn, David Myers, Michael Hunter, Timothy Whitaker, Andrew Ketchum, Cassy Dickerson, Travis McDaniel. Row 7: Andrew Mullins, Hannah Sparks, Steven Roelfs, Andrew Tillemma, Sean Warren, Clifford Meadows, Josiah Shaefer.



Leading the marching band in the Touch of Dutch parade junior Lindsay Tobias guides the band along the streets. The August parade followed the hot days of summer band camp where the marchers learned how to stay in step and play at the same time.





At parade rest, the band awaits the command to announce the next court representative at Homecoming. The band marched at every home game.

## Happenin' Highlights



Saying the pledge of allegiance during the Veterans' Day Ceremony on November 12, senior Andrew Mullins shows respect for the lives of veterans who have been lost. "The thing I like most about being in band is the hard work and concentration it takes. Music is very detailed and requires lots of thought, dedication, and skill to be pursued correctly," said Mullins. "Pep Band would have to be my favorite. With the preppy songs that are played, it really gets the crowd going."



Practicing on her viola, sophomore Taylor Scott said, "In orchestra, you meet a lot of new and interesting people. You learn to express yourself through music. It is hard work, and it teaches you discipline. There are so many memorable moments. I would have to say that being in orchestra has been a great learning and life lesson from the first moment I walked into my first orchestra class in the sixth grade."



"The thing I like most about band is getting to learn more and more about music every day," said freshman Timothy McDaniel.



Goofing around during a break, sophomores Micheal Hunter, Samantha Meretich, Augustus McCloskey, senior Patrick Fraley, and sophomore Vicki Murray develop relationships that only band members can appreciate. Bonding was an important part of band camp.

Orchestra: Front Row: Heather Dulaney, Melissa Easto, Bradley Herr, Micheal Szostek, Scott Conley, Andrew Mullins Row 2: Jessica Nuss, Jessica Wray, Taylor Scott, Sally Wallenstein. Row 3: Christine Miles, Jennifer Hershman, Leah Shanks. Row 4: Rachel Wilkinson, Adam Betancourt, Kaitlyn Hansen, Kourtney Frieden, Clansa Bonilla, Sara Boer. Row 5: Natalie Brasel, Lindsey Seegers, Julia Holm-Hansen, Jacob Fernandez, Caitlin Sittima

Far Left: Keith Axtell walks in the Touch of Dutch Parade along with fellow band members.

by Samantha Hoak

# Choir

"How can I keep from singing?"

By: Elizabeth Moran

"Singing the 'Star Spangled Banner' in front of all of those people was amazing," said sophomore Danielle Fase of the Concert Choir's trip to Indianapolis. Concert Choir was invited to sing the national anthem before the Indiana Pacers game March 15. "We were all very excited that we got a chance to show our talents. We were really pumped to see the game too!" said senior Cecilia Heckman. Cost was \$50 per person.

•The first gold plaque in 2006 was brought home after Jazz Contest where they performed songs like, 'Can't Take That Away From Me' and John Lennon's 'Black Bird' on March 18.

•At the Christmas Concert on December 18, where the choirs were combined for a grand finale as Principal Phillip Apple, dressed as Santa passed out candy canes to all the children.

•In March, the Concert Choir visited First Methodist Church in DeMotte where they sang at the senior citizens luncheon. "I saw one of the women singing along with one of our songs! It was so sweet. I didn't know anyone else knew that song!" said senior Carrielle Baumgarte.

•All State members included Joshua Baiel, Carrielle Baumgarte, Ashton DeVries, Christopher Jenkins, Lauren Laski, and Nathan Leath.

•Taking a trip to Chicago's Ford Theatre to see the new musical 'Wicked' was, "One of the most exciting things I've ever seen," said Lauren Laski. "The show was very good, even though we sat pretty far away."



Concert Choir Front Row: Mrs. Sandy Tiemens, Jamie Moore, April Killion, Ashton DeVries, Nathan Leath, Johnny Torbitt, David Williams, Nichole Wright, Brandon Phillips, Joshua Baiel, Sarah Eich, Page Valczak, Andy Garza. Row 2: Stephanie Talarek, Christopher Jenkins, Alisa Fratacelli. Row 3: Krista Aurelia, Danielle Fase, Jessica Witvoet, Nicole Kerner, Corinne Janavich, Mr. Bill Darnell, Lindsay Sitterma, Carlin Oezer, Brandon Mayernik, Carrielle Baumgarte, Kevin Corbett, Clay Sysma, Mitch Sysma, Ashley Antowiak, Sara Guzzo, Vanessa Acevedo, Lindsey Shea, Elizabeth Guzzo.



Men's Choir Front Row: Aaron Kaniuk, Phillip Stewart, Andrew Marson, Joshua Denton, Clay Prairie. Row 2: Mrs. Tiemens, Daniel Driscoll, Garrett Waugaman, Daniel Jester, Sean Liston, Jordan Kolb. Back Row: Blake Wiggins, Johnathon Stokes, Jacob Jones, Daniel Danahoe, Mr. Darnell.



Treble Choir Front Row: Sarah Lidster, Desiree Hornback, Jamie Ross, Stormy Wireman, Brittany Smiejek, Amanda Conway, Melanie Merryman. Row 2: Jenna Lewandowski, Paige Harden, Cayla Hensel, Rebecca Eenigenburg, Stephanie Kingma, Chelsea Belt, Ashley Gudorf. Row 3: Amanda Peters, Tisha Pisel, Miranda Steele, Amanda Colbert, Rebecca Crane, Sarah Rudelius, Kim Maretich. Row 4: Cheyenne Starkey, Tisha Steveson, Jennifer Landry, Lauren Gilmore, Kerri Person, Magen Moore, Stephanie Cambe, Samantha Hillers. Row 5: Mr. Darnell, Mrs. Tiemens, Amanda Keefe, Amanda Cooper, Aliza Daniels, Nichole McClellan, Tiffany Sifer.

# Happenin' Highlights



Sightreading is a weekly exercise during Concert Choir. Senior Ashton DeVries practices with a song about the history of music. "I think sight reading is really important for our Choir because at contest there is a sight reading portion," said DeVries. "We did pretty well at Contest, we brought home quite a few gold plaques to hang up on the walls in the choir classroom," said DeVries.



"Singing the alto part in choir is fun because without our part, none of the songs sound the same. I like being in Concert Choir because we get to go and do more. I loved when we went to the Pacers game in Indy. It was awesome. I like seeing the DVD's they gave us of our ensemble," said Karleen Gunter.



During the Christmas Concert performance, sophomore Nathan Leath wears his tuxedo. "The highlight, to me, of being in Choir is being in there with all of my friends. I like being in that class a lot, and I also really enjoy singing. Choir is a really fun way to spend a class period during the day," said Nathan Leath.



Concert Choir members prepare to leave for their trip to Indianapolis to sing The National Anthem for the Pacers game. Singers paid \$50 for the trip and shirt.



Advanced Treble Choir "Chorales" Front Row: Geena Garcia, Nicole Tomaszewski, Cecilia Heckman, Jillian Kolb, Elizabeth Moran, Lori Kappes, Heather Drake. Row 2: Mrs. Tiemens, Danielle Jarrell, Ashley Keefe, Laura Myers, Alexa Murray, Knn Huff, Ayla Culbreth. Row 3: Ashley Zavala, Jessica Bryson, Sarah Jiron, Lauren Laski, Jasmine Glab, Elizabeth Weaver, Stephanie Landis. Back Row: Mr. Darnell, Tiffany Livengood, Ashley Thomas, Ashley Johnson, Amanda Mikuly, Amber Jests, Marissa Tillema.

# Theater

Getting caught up in the action

# Ticket

\* Crawling on all fours for the fall play *Charlotte's Web*, the cast worked under the watchful eye of leading director Jill Steiner and Assistant Director Hallie Chicki.

\* Date: October 21 and 22

\* Lighting and stage crew: Lighting Manager Royce Havens, crew Shawn Freckelton, Anne Janavich, Chris Jenkins, Steve Roelfs, Katherine Misiak, Jessica Wray, Keith Hoffman, Matthew Proffrock, Andrew Tillema, Erick Halaburt, Nicole Brown.

\* Costuming: Mrs. Jill Steiner.

\* Make-up/hair manager: Beth Hunt. Crew: Chelsea Hensel, Cecilia Junolfo-Serra, Kelly Brown, Amber Passuello, Taylor Scott, Toni Bianchi.

\* Set Builder: Mr. Mike McKay. Set Building Crew: Cast and Crew

\* Publicity Manager: Mrs. Hallie Chicki. House and Publicity Crew: Amanda Conway, Monica Prentice, Abigail Jones, Jeremy Tillema, Melanie Merryman, Jessica Bryson, Abby Tognarelli, Whitney Studer, Jennifer Perov, Tiffany Livengood, Brandon Martens.

\* Stage manager: Jimmy Guerrero \* House manager: Ashton DeVries

\* Characters: Fern Arable: Kelly Drake, Baby Wilbur: Tyler Roe, Wilbur: Joshua Bael, Templeton: Adam Bowman, Charlotte: Rebecca Fox, Goose: Hannah Birky, Gander: Brandon Mayernik, Sheep: Melissa Easto, Lamb: Jessica Nuss, John Arable: Brandon Phillips, Martha Arable: Elizabeth Tillema, Avery Arable: Nathan Leath, Homer Zuckerman: Andrew Surber, Edith Zuckerman: Sara Little, First Member: Shannon Abrell, Second Member: Allison Kleeck, Third Member: Carrielle Baumgarte, Auntie: Felicia Fahey, Lurvy: David Myers, Photographer: Viviana Mijares, Reporter: Matt Patton, three baby spiders at elementary school level: Maddi Carey, Emily Kwiatkowski, Christina Birky.



Front row: Anne Janavich, Royce Havens, Jessica Wray, Katherine Misiak, Row 2: Keith Hoffman, Carrielle Baumgarte, Alison Kleeck, Shannon Abrell, Adam Bowman, Maddi Carey, Tyler Roe, Emily Kwiatkowski, Felicia Fahey, Steven Roelfs, Matthew Patton, Melissa Easto, Rebecca Fox, Joshua Bael, Jessica Nuss, Row 3: Elizabeth Weaver, Brandon Mayernik, Elizabeth Tillema, Nathan Leath, Brandon Phillips, Sara Little, David Myers, Andrew Surber, Kelly Drake, Hannah Birky, Caroline Weaver, Lindsey Shea.



Pointing at Wilbur, all the barnyard animals laugh as they scare Wilbur by telling him that he will be fattened up and eaten by the family if he doesn't do something new to prove that he is radiant.



# Happenin' Highlights



"I believe that my part was type-cast. The lamb is youthful with plenty of spunk, innocence, honesty, and blunt as a child would be. The lamb also needed to jump around a lot, which I was excited about," said senior Jessica Nuss, who played the lamb.



"My favorite line in Charlotte's Web was when I had to spell out the word Ternfic "T double F double R double I double F double c,c,c,c and try to say it without laughing right in the middle," said senior Brandon Mayernik, who played Gander.



"My favorite scene, ironically, was when Charlotte dies at the end. It really showed how meaningful Charlotte and Wilbur were to each other. That scene was emotional and intense," said junior Rebecca Fox, who played Charlotte.

Joshua Baigel and Adam Bowman



Getting the audience going for Charlotte's Web, seniors Carnelle Baumgarte, Shannon Abrell and Allison Klicek sing 'Old McDonald had a Farm.'

Gathering around the barnyard to see what word Charlotte has spun in her web, the townspeople and other animals watch Wilbur to see what new trick he can do. Wilbur's tricks involved back flips and flying leaps.

By: Sarah

Salamah

Photos

Provided by

Mrs. Jill Steiner



# Beauty

For everyone in drama  
the night was priceless

\* KV Theatre Kompany made the enchanted world of *The Beauty and the Beast* come alive on March: 10, 11, 18, 20.

\* Director and Costuming: Jill Steiner, Assistant Hallie Chicki.

\* Lighting and Stage Crew: Lighting Manager: Keith Hoffman, Stage Manager: Matthew Proffrock, Chelsey Hensley, Ashley Bryson, TJ Shields, Tiffany Livengood, Stephanie Rainwater, Nichole Brown, Shawn McDaniel, Erik Halaburt.

\* Make up / Hair Manager: Amanda Bowen, Jennifer Moreno, Ana Perez, Bethany Clark, Amber Passuello.

\* Set Builders: Mike McKay, Cast and Crew.

\* Publicity Manager/ Crew: Hallie Chicki, Jessica Bryson, Jennifer Perov, Stephanie Talarek, Abigail Jones, Anthony Serovich, Kaitlyn Staton, Katherine Wheat.

\* Characters: Belle: Lindsey Shea, Beast: Joshua Bael, Gaston: Brandon Mayernik, LeFou: Nathan Leath, Maurice: Andrew Surber, Silly Girl 1: Jessica Nuss, Silly Girl 2: Carolyn Weaver, Silly Girl 3: Meagan Anderson, Lumiere: Christopher Jenkins, Cogsworth: Eric Alvarado, Babette: Elizabeth Guzzo, Mrs. Potts: Ashton DeVries, Madame De La Grande Bouche: Lauren Laski, Chip: James Guerrero, Monsieur D'gue: Adam Bowman, Narrator: Mark Nikolas, Villagers: Elizabeth Weaver, Brandon Phillips, David Myers, Matthew Patton, Kelly Brown, Steve Roelfs, Elizabeth Tillemma, Kourtney Frieden, Andrew Tillemma, Hannah Birky, Enchanted Servants: Felicia Fahey, Sara Little, Stephanie Kingma, Toni Bianci, Katie Misiak, Ashlie Collins, Shannon Abrell, Joanna Chou, Rebecca Fox, Kelly Drake, Missy Easto, Elizabeth Hunt.



To get away from Carolyn Weaver, Jessica Nuss and Meagan Anderson, Gaston (Brandon Mayernik) must fight because he wants Belle instead of the three girls.

Above right: Lifting Brandon Mayernik, Brandon Phillips and Nathan Leath belt out the "Gaston Reprise."

# & The Beast



Waiting for Lindsey Shea, Matthew Patton, Elizabeth Weaver and David Myers talk among each other as they wait to sing the opening song "Belle."



## Happenin' Highlights



"The moment I will not forget was when Mrs. Jill Steiner gave out a crown at the end of each practice, and I was the third one to get the crown. Everybody was so happy. The crown was given out for the most improved cast member." Sophomore Eric Alvarado



"My most memorable moments of drama were when the fire alarm went off during Josh Baiel's song, the quick changes in the dressing room, and the dancing napkins." Senior Katie Misiak



"I would say my most memorable moment in drama would have to be when Belle got sick during the show and was still able to sing her songs and say her parts." Junior Josh Baiel



Left: Although she fought bronchitis during the play, Belle (Lindsey Shea) sang out the words to the song "No Matter What."

Making sure nobody takes his drink Matthew Patton gets ready to get up as he looks to the left to see where Gaston is waiting for Belle.

Left: Holding Andrew Surber down, Beth Guzzo tells Ashton DeVries, Jimmy Guerrero, Eric Alvarado, and Chris Jenkins to huddle around to scare him away from the castle. Andrew was at The Beast's Castle because he was looking for his daughter Belle

*By: Matthew  
Profrock*

# Mirage/Art

Expressing individuality  
through creativity.

- \* Mrs. Sarah Miller was the sponsor of Mirage.
- \* Mrs. Nancy Klockow was the sponsor of Art Club.
- \* Art Club members created "altered" books, where they would choose any book and black out all of the words on the pages except for the words "I am different." The cover of this particular book was also redecorated to express that student's individuality.
- \* The snowmen that were created by Art Club members and businesses of the community, were showcased at the DeMotte Chamber of Commerce. This was the first year for displaying of the snowmen and 70 total snowmen were presented. Each one was made out of plywood and judged in five different categories. Best dressed was the snowman at Carolina House Furniture, most creative was Countryside, most whimsical was McColly Real Estate, best profit organization was the Sea Scouts, and the snowman with the best theme was at Snyder Auto.
- \* Mirage members expressed their individuality by writing poems, stories and song lyrics, while others created images for illustrations for the magazine.
- \* Works from various students were collected by Mirage members and were all combined into a magazine that was available for purchase at the end of the year.
- \* Mirage celebrated its 20th anniversary of the art/literary magazine. A tribute on the cover, table of contents and six to eight pages of the magazine were dedicated to each year of artwork, writings and everything that Mirage had collected over the past years.
- \* The following people have helped sponsor Mirage: Mrs. Kathy McKinney, Ms. Jill Jenkins, Mrs. Sarah Miller, Mrs. Peggy Tucker, Miss Boos and Mrs. Belei. Each of these women have helped sponsor the magazine throughout its 20 years of being published.
- \* Mrs. Sarah Miller has been working with and sponsoring the Mirage magazine on and off since 1986. She had saved all the previously written material.



Painting her snowman for the DeMotte project, junior Stephanie Talarek focuses on adding the finishing touches to the outline of the hat. "I used newspaper and made the scarves and buttons out of it," said Talarek.

Top Right: Painting the wall next to the Kave, senior Ashley Murray adds a finishing touch to the Kougur in nature scene. "I gave this to a teacher to have it on my senior wall, but they wanted me to paint it somewhere it couldn't get painted over," said Murray.



Art Club Row 1: Meredith Hammons, Ismael Perez, Jett Meyer, Danny Kwasniewski, Candy Miller, Jazmyn Allen. Row 2: Stephanie Talarek, Jessica Wray, Tara Bennett, Landon Krupchak, Stephanie Mann, Joshua Gibson. Row 3: Cayla Hensel, Joshua Smith, Vicki Murray, Stacy Cencion, Heather McCauley, Bruce Ciers.





## Happenin' Highlights



"I joined the Mirage Club because I like to express myself in more than just one way. In Mirage you are open to express yourself in an endless number of ways, such as painting, drawing, writing, and photography," said senior Krin Huff.



"I loved looking through the past 20 years at KV while preparing the new Mirage magazine. It was awesome to see the poems and drawings of kids from years past," said senior Rachel Wilkinson.



"I joined the Art Club in the beginning of the year. However, I only had the chance to go to two of the meetings total so far within this school year. I wish I would have had a chance to go to more of the meetings," said senior Joshua Gibson.



Encouraging students to join the Art Club, junior Daniel Kwasniewski, senior Landen Krupchak, and junior Bruce Ciers take charge in collecting club dues and helping others sign up. A fee of \$5 was required.

By: Ashley Pierson



Mirage Club Row 1: Vicki Murray, Branna Patton, Morgan Meyers, Jessica Wray, Rachel Wilkinson, Jazmyn Allen Row 2: Danielle Alcorn, Mrs. Sarah Miller, Krin Huff, and Holly Salerno.

Stopping for a quick look at the painting of the Kougur.  
Senior Brandon Phillips admires Ashley Murray's work

# FFA Learning to feed the world. Future

\* Officers were junior Andrew Hershman-president, junior Ryan Strandberg- vice president, sophomore Chester Magiera-secretary, junior Johnathon Ooms-treasurer, freshman Matthew Misch-and reporter junior David Starzynski-sentinel.

\* Activities included trips to District Convention, State Convention, National Convention, Jr.-Sr. Agriculture Tour, Forestry Competition, District Leadership Contest, and Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

\* National FFA Week dress up days were Tuesday-Tractor Day, Wednesday-Camo Day, Thursday- Carhartt Day, and Friday-Cowboy/Cowgirl Day and the biggest belt buckle contest, which was won by junior Ryan Strandberg.

\* On February 3 during half time of the varsity basketball game, senior Rachel Kikkert, escorted by senior Ryan Hilton, was crowned FFA Sweetheart. Her court consisted of juniors Dayna DeVries and David Starzynski, sophomores Nicole Henning and Chester Magiera, and freshmen Kaylie Fritts and Matthew Misch.

\* Awards: Star Greenhand-freshmen Corey Coulter, Matthew Misch, and Aaron Jabaay. Star Chapter Farmer- sophomore Chester Magiera. Outstanding Senior-Krin Huff. Mental Attitude-junior Ryan Strandberg and junior David Starzynski.

\* Club Advisor was Mr. Steve Inman.



Sweetheart queen and escort: seniors Ryan Hilton and Rachel Kikkert Court: juniors David Starzynski and Dayna DeVries, sophomores Chester Magiera and Nicole Henning, and freshmen Mathew Misch and Kaylie Fritts.

Right: Being auctioned off at the Member Auction, junior Andrew Hershman earns \$80 for FFA.





## Happenin' Highlights



"The FFA Organization has provided me opportunities to become a leader. I enjoy learning about and visiting many agricultural places. FFA prepares many to become the agriculturalists who will feed the world," said junior Andrew Hershman.



"I have gained a higher appreciation for the agricultural world. I have learned many behind the scenes facts and about the many agricultural work force opportunities. FFA has also taught me many leadership skills and responsibilities," said junior Jessica Wray.



"I have learned that FFA has much to offer outside of school. It showed me that when you talk to the right people, you can get involved with agriculture without even living on a farm. Also it has given me great leadership skills when it comes down to talking in front of people and being able to help them when they need it most," said senior Ryan Hilton.



Row 1: Jennifer Hershman, Heather Marianowski, Chester Magiera, Mr. Steve Inman, Jessica Wray, Angela Wood, Johnathon Ooms, Brian DeKock. Row 2: Britta Longstreth, Cheyenne Starkey, Kaitlyn Hansen, Joshua Lotz, Cecilia Heckman, David Starzynski, Ryan Strandberg. Row 3: Corey Coulter, Matthew Misch, Aaron Jabaay

Above left: After the FFA Banquet on April 18, junior David Starzynski shakes hands with State FFA President Bruce Cooley who was a guest speaker at the banquet.



Standing outside the fountain at Purdue University, senior Adam Misch, graduate Tiffany Nemuda, sophomore Ryan Pruitt, Senior Ryan Hilton, graduate Ryan Wynkoop, and senior Brian DeKock attend State Convention.

FFA Sweetheart was senior Rachel Kikkert.

By: Dayna  
DeVries



# Foreign Words

- ⇒ Foreign Language Club, headed by Mrs. Gayle Smith, was dedicated to giving students a chance to experience other cultures from around the world without having to take all the language classes.
- ⇒ "Being the sponsor has given me the opportunity to meet the kids in the other language classes and has let me be able to stay in contact with some of my old students," said Smith.
- ⇒ The club held a candle fundraiser in October to raise money for a field trip to the Chicago Brauhaus, a German-based restaurant. The original trip in December had to be changed to February due to an unscheduled snow day.
- ⇒ "I really enjoyed the German atmosphere and food that the Brauhaus had to offer," said junior Brooke Davis.
- ⇒ The club also sang Christmas carols in December for nursing home residents.
- ⇒ Officers were: Lauren Laski, president, Anne Janavich, vice president, Kelly Drake, secretary, and Bethany Clark, treasurer.
- ⇒ The club held a dance and a food drive in the spring.



Outside the Chicago Brauhaus, senior Steven Roelfs mimics the sign. "The food was just so appetizing I had to show my appreciation."

"I spent seven weeks in Leon, Spain studying Spanish with the Indiana University Honors Program. It was the greatest experience of my life," said senior Ryan Smeltzer.







Eating at the Chicago Brauhaus, junior Viviana Mijares and freshman Jessica Casares enjoy their German cuisine. The girls dined on Chicken Schnitzel.

By: Carianne Jones

## Happenin' Highlights



"By being in the Foreign Language Club I have become more open-minded to different cultures and their beliefs. It is really a great experience to go through," said freshman Jacquelyn DeVries.



"Foreign Language Club is a great way to meet new people and learn about new cultures. Simply put, Foreign Language Club is just a fun group to be a part of and I've had a great time being President," said senior President Lauren Laski.



Row 1: Rachel Kikkert, Jessica Nuss, Bethany Clark, Kelly Drake, Anne Janavich, Mallory Wierzb, Eric Nieto. Row 2: Pamck Prochno, Brooke Davis, Destiny Baccino, Clarissa Bonilla, Rachel Wilkinson, Melissa Pilarczyk, Stephanie Talarek, Daniel Beedle. Row 3: Melissa Easto, Ryan Smeltzer, Melanie Daniels, Natalie Brasel, Andrew Surber, Jason Polomchak, Steven DeVries. Row 4: Daniel Hudspeth, Kevin Carlson, Joshua Baiel, Rick Newton, Jasmine Glab, Jessica Bryson, John Lapota. Row 5: Vitalia Fregoso, Jacquelyn DeVries, Ashley Hudspeth, Jamie Moore, Rebekah Postma, Monique Diaz, Jessica Casares. Row 6: Marissa Tillema, Leah Shanks, Rebecca Enigenburg, Lauren Hale, Stephanie Kingma, Alecia Penninga, Shawna Watkins



On his way back from Chicago, junior Steven DeVries plays with his Bozo Boppers. Bozo Boppers were purchased from the Timeless Toys Ltd. near the Brauhaus.



Goofing around in a souvenir shop, juniors Anne Janavich and Melissa Pilarczyk sport smiles on a stick. This was one of the few shops the field trip attendees were allowed to enter as a school group while they were in Chicago.

# Battle of the

Being in a band is more than making music; it's about making friends.

# Bands

❖ Four Bands participated in the Battle of the Bands. The name of the bands that played were Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (WTF), Minor Miracle, Wretched, and If I Die Trying.

❖ Battle of the Bands raised over \$1,000 for the Prom.

❖ It took place April 7 at 7:00 pm. Tickets cost \$5.

❖ The winning band was WTF.

❖ "WTF stands for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Whatever The Fans portray the three letters to be. Yes, they get an opinion too," said junior Sean Warren.

❖ Members in WTF were juniors Matthew Patton, Sean Warren, sophomore Michael Hunter and junior Andrew McKee.

❖ Members in If I Die Trying were juniors Brian Hamm, Sean Warren, and alumni Scott Messer, and Paul Pajkos.

❖ Community members in Wretched were Keith Korth, Dan Boissy, Dave, Eddy, and Aaron. They have been participating in the Battle of the Bands for four years.

❖ Community members in Minor Miracle were Andrew Naughton, Josh Westphal, and Todd Hepworth.

❖ The audience voted who would win at the Battle of the Bands. The only way they could vote was by breaking their ticket in half and putting one half into a box. There were four boxes and each of them had the bands name on them.

❖ Battle of the Bands played a play off performance at Oscars.



"I have played the guitar for two and a half years. I was surprised beyond belief that we won. I played in two different bands because I like being in more than one band. It's more fun that way," said junior Sean Warren.

Above right: "I have been playing in the band for at least two years. I love the music I play, and I like our band," said junior Bryan Hamm. He was in If I Die Trying.



Playing at the Battle of the Bands, alumnus Keith Korth said, "I have been playing for a long time, and I enjoy being in the band. It gives me the opportunity to show my singing talent."



# Happenin' Highlights



"I liked being part of these events. I liked working at the concession stand, and I got to see all the people that came to see their favorite bands. I liked the variety of music," said Junior Emily Stein.



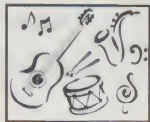
"Playing in the band is one great way to express my talent. I have been playing for a long time. Playing the guitar is like riding a bike for me. I like playing in If I Die Trying," said Alumnus Scott Messer.



"I have been playing in the Battle of the Bands since my freshman year. Doing my solos in front of my fans is a great thing to know that they like the music that we make," said Alumnus Dan Boissy.



Waiting for the Battle of the Bands to begin, freshman Stephanie Boissy and junior Megan Carroll discuss who they thought would win. Stephanie was the sister of a member in Wretched, and Meagen was a girlfriend.



By: Ruth  
Sharp



Working at the Battle of the Bands, junior Rebecca Fox said, "I liked working there because you get to see the variety of people that come to see the bands play."

Having fun at the Battle of the Bands, junior Joshua Bael said, "Before I came to see the Battle of the Bands I went to the spring festival and got a free balloon."

# NHS

"Working hard always  
pays off in the end"

National Honor Society inducted 29 members.

\* Members of Honor Society walked for two hours in a walk-a-thon to help raise money for a cure for cystic fibrosis on April 29.

\* National Honor Society members cleaned the high school courtyard on May 13 to earn required service points. They did various things such as plant flowers and spread red mulch with Mrs. Slaby in the unseasonably cold and wet weather.

\* Inductees had to earn five points while older members had to earn ten points. Points could be earned through numerous community projects. Some of the members helped in after school activities at the DeMotte Library including the annual fun fair.

\* A few of the members also went to the middle school and tutored the 7th and 8th graders who needed help with homework.

\* "This organization is a good way for those students who care about school and their grades to be noticed," said sophomore Jillian Conley who was one of the 29 students who were inducted. "Being chosen to be a part of NHS was a huge honor. I felt like after all the hard work I've done in school, it finally paid off," added Conley.

\* All senior members wore the traditional white cowl with the powder blue and yellow National Honor Society insignia for graduation.

\* Officers included: Co-Presidents Mary Kathryn P. Frederich and Joshua Baiel, Vice president Joshua Hall, Secretary Ashton DeVries, and Treasurer Sara Boer.



A few of the members including seniors Sara Boer, Ashton DeVries, and junior Joshua Hall, help greet and introduce sophomore Callie Guritz into NHS.

Above right: After being inducted, sophomores Jordan Kolb and Jamie Moore hold their candles and wait for all of the other new members to go up on stage.



As she put down her signature, junior Elizabeth Weaver accepts the honor of becoming an NHS member.



# Happenin' Highlights



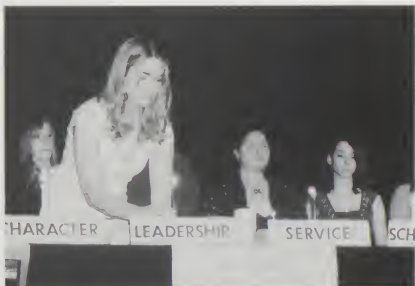
"I was kind of nervous at first because I wasn't sure of what we were going to do at the ceremony. I'm glad I was inducted because being a part of Honor Society is a very big deal. Not many students get to be a part of something like this," said junior Carianne Jones.



"I felt honored. It was a very good feeling to be able to become a part of a group of good students. I was glad to be inducted because it shows that teachers do pay attention and doing the best you can works out in the end," said junior Matthew Oliver.



"Being inducted into National Honor Society was a great accomplishment. There are many requirements for the club, including having above a 3.7 GPA and being involved in extracurricular activities, which made me feel like I achieved something good," said sophomore Corinne Janavich.



Helping with the induction ceremony, junior Sara Boer lights the blue candles for leadership. Standing behind her were inductees sophomores Jillian Conley, Felicia Fahey, and Callie Gunitz who achieved the required 3.7 GPA.

Row 1: Mrs. Slaby, Sara Boer, Ashton DeVries, Jessica Nuss, Joshua Hall, Mary Kathryn Friedrich, Joshua Baele, Mrs. Jackson. Row 2: Allison Klicek, Shannon Abrell, Sally Wallenstein, Matthew Wicker, Cory Bifoss, Joshua Gibson, Katherine Hubbeling. Row 3: Abigail Sandomato, Anne Janavich, Melissa Pilarczyk, Kevin Klump, Donald Tilley, Jason Polomchak, Steven DeVries. Row 4: Aaron Hebda, Rebecca Fox, Rachel Kiklett, Lauren Laski, Ryan Smeltzer, Brooke Davis. Row 5: Stephanie Posel, Clansa Bonilla, Daniel Levallien, Destiny Baccino, Jessi Jungels, Rick Newton, and Keith Axtell



After having their names called, seniors Mallory Wierzbna and Rachel Wilkinson got their candles lit to show that they have accepted the new roles and responsibilities as being part of NHS.

By:  
Samantha  
Hoak

# The Spirit

Making the news hot off the press

Sean Warren and Andrew Surber were the new Newspaper editors. They have given *The Spirit* a whole new make-over.

Timothy Whitaker won third place for best editorial and Sean Warren won a first place for front page layout at IHSPA Fall Convention.

Editors and Section Editors were: Editor In Chief: Sean Warren, Head Layout Editor: Andrew Surber, Cartoonist: Rachel Uildriks and Business Manager: Kimberly Berns.

On newspaper sales day the group who came in with the lowest amount of sales was required to do the "tea pot" song and dance. Top sellers received a prize.

The newspaper came out once a month. There were nine issues.

Sean Warren attended journalism summer camp at Indiana University where he focused on leadership and design.

Kim Berns, Tim Whitaker, and Sean Warren attended the Indiana High School Press Association Conference at Franklin College in October.

Due to low advertisement sales, seven of the nine newspapers were copied on a copier instead of being printed by Home Mountain Publishing.

Final issue of the paper was printed in four color at a cost of about \$800.



Row 1: Kimberly Berns, Jessica Whirley Row 2: Danny Gant, Jerica Whitlock, Sean Warren, Richard Culbreth

Row 3: Michael Zylstra, Randi Barcelli, Nicci Wright, Timothy Whitaker, Andrew Surber

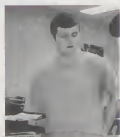
By: Kimberly Berns



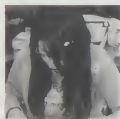
While Mrs. McKinney lectures on ways to improve the newspaper, staff member sophomore Michael Zylstra learns to write better stories and how to design layouts.

During Newspaper class, Editor Sean Warren reviews the newspaper. Improvements were made to the next issue of the paper.

## Happenin' Highlights



"There were lots of times when I just didn't talk. Then a classmate put me on the spot during sales days and embarrassed me, making me be loud and talk to people. I guess it was a good thing because now I talk all the time," said sophomore Richard Culbreth.



"Being in Newspaper is a class that I will never forget. I've never seen a group of students bond not only as a class, but almost like family. The experience of newspaper was surely enlightening. I enjoyed going to it every day. The class taught you that if you have an opinion, and if you have something to say let others know. Your voice matters. It also taught me that being different is good. It contributes to making a unique newspaper," senior Kimberly Berns.



"What I liked about newspaper was that it was a lot of fun. Along with fun came great responsibility. Being one of the editors, it was important to get everything out on time," junior Andrew Surber.



After selling newspapers, the class usually goes over the newspaper page by page to check for errors and look for where the class could have improved. Junior Timothy Whitaker, went over his newspaper articles to see how they turned out. "The most rewarding feeling about being in newspaper is having the satisfaction of knowing that you can publish stories that everyone will read."

Far Left: While sitting in class, freshman Rachel Uildriks looks over her cartoon section. After looking over her comic, Uildriks came up with other cartoon ideas for the next issue of the newspaper.



Every issue of the newspaper, there is a book review section called Nicci's Book Nook. The Book Nook consisted of a review done by Senior Nicci Wright, about a book selection of her choice.

# Service

Every Club has its unique way of expressing its core.

- † On April 21, the Pathfinders sang songs during fourth hour study time. Pathfinders celebrated the World Day of Prayer on May 4 with songs and praise in the auditorium during all four lunches.
- † Pathfinders celebrated religion and life through songs and prayers.
- † See You at the Pole (SYATP) was celebrated on September 14 through a community of prayer and gathering around the pole at 7:00 a.m.
- † Pioneerz supported living a healthy life style.
- † Pioneerz provided support to middle and high school teens who were experiencing difficult times.
- † On their spring retreat, Pioneerz had guest speakers who talked about how difficult it was for them to quit doing drugs. They also discussed how they found a way to move on from their past lives.
- † As the year ended, the seniors in Pioneerz got a reward for being in the club. As they were getting the rewards, they talked about how long they had been in the club, what they had learned and passed on to the future leaders.
- † Red ribbon week was sponsored by the Pioneerz.
- † Red ribbons on the trees were put on by the Pioneerz.
- † Pioneerz did counseling with the 7th graders.
- † Pioneerz attended a two day workshop at Camp Carrie in April.



Singing songs and announcing for the SYATP, juniors Karleen Gunter, Stephanie Tarek, Nichole Tomaszewski, Christopher Jenkins, and senior Carrielle Baumgart await the completion of the bandment of the Prayer Circle portion of the September 14 early morning program.

Right Center: "I played the part of Mary in a live nativity scene where, amid the Christmas commotion, I suddenly realize that baby Jesus is missing without anyone knowing it," said junior Bethany Clark. Rachel Wilkinson played a Wiseman with a broken arm covered in bubble wrap.

By: Ruth Sharp

# Clubs



Pioneerz Row 1: Jennifer Kurowsky, Danny Lewallen, Brent Scarniorn, Ashley Murray, Corinne Janavich.



"Being in the Pathfinders is lots of fun and can reach a lot of people," said sophomore Alecia Penninga. "I like making music and like to reach out to other people," said sophomore Jessica Witvoet. Both girls were participating in a Pathfinder's presentation.



Row 1 Johnathon Ooms, Nachole-Tomaszeski, Jessica Witvoet, Katrina-Vanderwoude, Kelli Hamstra, Jillian Kolb, Mark Nikolas, Jessica Nuss, Bethany Clark, Anne Janavich, Andrew Matson. Row 2: Rachel Wilkinson, Jessica Wray, Rachel-Kikkert, Ashton DeVries, Sara Boer, Stephanie Mann, Stephanie Talarek, Carrielle Baumgarte, Kelly Drake, Sandi Tiemens. Row 3: Elise Jolink, Tara Fieldhouse, Rebekah Postma, Jacquelyn DeVries, Stephanie Kingma, Leah Shanks,

Megan Ganzeveld, Melissa Fasto, Julia Holm-hansen, Alisa Fraticelli. Row 4: Rebecca Schilemann, Marissa Tillema, Whitney Studer, Ashley Hudspeth, Ryan Kikkert, Brittany Heerema, Lyndsay Seegers, Trisha Poisel, Jamie Moore. Row 5: Ashley Ganzeveld, Rebecca Eeneningburg, Kourthey Frieden, Daniel Hudspeth, Andrew Mckee, Lindsey Shea, Robbi Davis, Ashley Gurdorf.



## Happenin' Highlights



"I have been participating in See You at the Pole since 7th grade. It's a great time for Christians to get together and share their beliefs," senior Emily Penninga.



"Being in Pathfinders gives me the ability to worship and help people toward God," said Freshman Andrew Matson.

While on a Pioneerz retreat, freshmen Amy Dykstra, Sara Rudelius, and sophomore Meredith Hammons gather in the great room of Camp Carrie. The retreat brings students from area schools together for an overnight training session that focuses on the importance of reaching out to all students in a school.

Left center: Focused on the meaning of SYA T P, freshman Holly Salerno, joined over 100 students who prayed outside the school on September 14.



# SADD

- ✓SADD stood for Students Against Destructive Decisions.
- ✓Sponsors were Mrs. Nancy Valenkamph and Mrs. Andrea Scheidt.
- ✓Officers were Garry Jones-president, Emma Cunningham-vice president, and Jacquelynne Scheidt-secretary.
- ✓SADD hosted the Drug Awareness Week. They made posters and put red ribbons on trees and doors with the members of Pioneer3.
- ✓SADD sponsored the mock car crash held on May 5. The re-enactment was meant to scare students into not drinking and driving after Prom. Student participants were Garry Jones, Jacquelynne Scheidt, Angela Donis and Sean Nannenga. Staff members Mr. Robert Prescott, Aide Connie Dolan, and a community member, played the drunk driver, and the distraught parents. "The mock car crash was very interesting for me to watch. They made it so realistic. I felt like I was standing on the side of the road watching a real accident. It was scary. Also, my dad was one of the firefighters participating so it was cool to watch him work," said senior Carly Rice.
- ✓SADD hosted a video for students to watch in the Auditorium after the Mock Car crash to help give students an even bigger reality check on the damage of drinking and driving. "The video made me really sad. When you see someone say that it won't happen to them, and then it does, it really hits home. I liked the video because it told a lot of different stories about people that thought the same way as me. It made me realize that it could happen to me, and to live life to the fullest. I will be a lot safer when I drive now, and think about what I'm doing," said senior Miranda Green.



Watching the demonstration of a mock car crash, senior Mark Nikolas, junior Brittany Hancock, and sophomores Lauren Leegwater, and Melissa Roldan become emotionally distraught over the reality of the situation.

Above right: Attempting to detach the roof from the car, Wheatfield Firefighters use the Jaws of Life on the roof, without hurting the passengers.



Row 1 Amanda Keefer, Jennifer Bullard, Jillian Kolb, Kelli Hamstra, Danielle Fasse, Brandy Hamstra, Kaylee Fritts, Lauren Wierzbis, Mrs. Valenkamph, Row 2 Lauren Leegwater, Melissa Roldan, Connie Jurek, Kanna Vanderwoude, Laura Myers, Kelsey Allen, Lauren Hale, Holly Kampenga, Mrs. Scheidt, Row 3 Trevor Marvin, Amy Dykstra, Andrew Mattson, Donald Capouch, Zachary Waters, Ashley Hudspeth, Chantal Huff, Pamela Zuchowski, Row 4 Jessica Winvoet, Julie Dykstra, Rebecca Crane, Jeffrey Lasku, Ashley Sholes, Chelsea Belt, Rebecca Schlemmer, Marissa Tillema, Paige Walczak, Row 5 Adam Berancourt, David Myers, Walter Wiant, Kyle Deering, Amanda Peters, Heather Anderson, Tami VanVuren, Row 6 Alicia Perninga, Boanna Patton, John Lapota, Alex Murray, Jessica Krieblock, Chelsea Hensel, Rebecca Engenbun, Duane Jent

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By: Amanda Thompson



"It was quite an experience. I just imagined I was paralyzed and kept thinking 'no one should have to sit through this.' It was hard to hear any voices. All you could hear was the sound of the top of the car being ripped off and the sound of shattering glass all around you," said senior Gary Jones.



"I was trying not to break a smile when the sirens went off, but when the mother yelled, it made the whole accident seem real. I wanted to help show the high school students the realities of drinking and driving. I felt it was a good thing for our school to do because it shows the reality of drinking and driving," said senior Sean Nannenga.



I decided to participate in the Mock Car Crash because I love dramatic acting and was asked if I'd do it. I hope I never have to see anyone I know in such a situation, and I hope it made the students think, said aide Connie Dolan.



Playing an accident victim, junior Jacquelynne Scheidt acts like she has been seriously injured in the accident.

Row 1: Alison Schultz, Kelsey Nannenga, Kara Pivarski, Stephanie Mann, Ruth Sharp, Shannon Abrell, Megan Anderson, Jessica Nunn, Nicholas Miranda, Brian DeLoach. Row 2: Stephanie Boling, Sara Atchley, Rosell Almera, Daniel Levalleen, Christine Rourke, Adam McDaniel, Camille Baumgartner, Lauren Lasko, Cole Patrick, Dustin Wilton. Row 3: Ashlee Dykstra, Cassandra Collier, Michael Terborg, Rachel Kikert, Mary K. Fredenich, Stevie Alexander, Angela Davis, Timothy Mandeville, Jacquelynne Scheidt, Amanda Evans, Row 4: Jordan VanVliet, Jessica Wray, Destiny Bacono, Carmen Winkley, Matthew Wicker, Patrick Koedyker, Aaron Helba, Jennifer Karowsky, Alana Williams, Ashley Keefer. Row 5: Kevin Zuchowski, Brittany Scott, Joseph Kent, Timothy Gusak, Daniel Tilley, Joshua Hall, Cory Bifors, Troy Jackson, Keely Woods, Row 6: Jennifer McMahon, Ashley Zavala, Melaeue Daniels, Brittany Clark, Kevin Kemp, Matthew Oliver, Brittany Hancock, Ashley Murray, Sean Nannenga.



Left: Performing a mock sobriety test, Vice Principal Robert Prescott has to walk a straight line. Prescott played the drunk driver who caused three fatalities.



# FCCLA

Making a difference in the lives of others.

# BPA

- ✦ FCCLA stands for Family Career Community Leaders of America.
- ✦ Ms. Jennifer Schroeder started FCCLA in 1980.
- ✦ The starting fee for FCCLA was \$10.
- ✦ FCCLA made desserts for the November Academic Decathlon.
- ✦ Financial Fitness, Child Care Lesson Planning, and Housing Interior Decorations were some competitions that were offered at District and State.
- ✦ FCCLA: Ashley Antowiak - President, Candice DeFries - Vice - President, Sarah Huff - Secretary/Treasurer, Amber Broyles - Historian.
- ✦ BPA stands for Business Professionals of America.
- ✦ The starting fee for BPA was \$5.
- ✦ In 1978 BPA was a new club offered at this school.
- ✦ Mrs. Diana Zacher was a Co-Advisor and then became Advisor of BPA.
- ✦ BPA held a reception for the Support Staff on April 13. The reception was held in room 165 during 6th and 7th periods.
- ✦ BPA District Convention was held at the Sawyer College in Hammond. The State BPA Convention was held at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis.
- ✦ BPA: Amy Knip - 4th in Medical Office Procedures, Andrew Surber - 6th in Desk top Publishing and 7th in Fundamental Word Processing Skills, and Siobhan Urbano - 6th in Legal Office Procedures at the District Leadership Conference.
- ✦ BPA sent Santa-grams to children in the community ages 9 and under.
- ✦ BPA: Andrew Surber - President, Amy Knip - Vice - President - Siobhan Urbano Secretary/Treasurer.



Hosting a reception for the administrators, secretaries and guidance counselors, BPA thanked these people for supporting the Job Shadowing program. The

reception which had an Easter theme was held on April 13 in room 165.



FCCLA Row 1: Candice DeFries, Amber Broyles, Sarah Huff. Row 2: Ayla Culbreth, Tonya Davis, Alexa Boring, Jessica Carter, Maria Klingaman, Maria Hernandez. Row 3: Ms. Jennifer Schroeder.



# Happenin' Highlights



"Danielle Czolotka did my hair, we joke and call ourselves the pink ladies Danielle, Tara Deeter, and I all had pink in our hair. We didn't even plan to do it for Crazy Hair Day during FCCLA Week, it just worked out like that. I love being unique, and seeing people's reaction to my hair," senior Megan Wenger.



"The important thing about this competition is that you can use it to your advantage in a career that might interest you. There are so many different areas you can compete in. The most important thing about competition in general is that you try your best but maintain a good attitude toward other competitors at the same time," said senior Amy Knip.



"My most memorable moment was the bus ride to and from the BPA State Convention. During the ride we all took turns listening to my mp3 player. It's always important to do your best when you're doing competitions. Even if you think that there is no way you can place, you should still try," replied junior Andrew Surber.



Left: Hugging the teddy bear he won from FCCLA. Senior Lukas Dempsey accumulated the most hearts on Have A Heart Day. Have A Heart was an FCCLA competition in the Drive-Thru window on Valentine's Day.

Making the final touches on the posters, junior Mana Kingaman makes sure there are not any mistakes. Stop the Violence was the theme for the posters.

BPA Row 1: Amy Knip, Andrew Surber, Siobhan Urbano, Stephanie Landis. Row 2: Mrs. Diana Zacher, Heather McCaulley, Dominic Robatto, Jonathan Hopkins.

Above Left: Preparing miniature hot dogs for the reception was done during 2nd hour on the 13th of April. Mrs. Diana Zacher and senior Nachole Wildrick did most of the food preparation that day.

By: Siobhan  
Urbano

# Academic

Knee deep in knowledge.

## Teams

- ⇒ Spellbowl sponsors: Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Schenher
- ⇒ Perfect Speller award at conference competition went to senior Emily Penninga.
- ⇒ Academic Decathlon sponsors: Literature, Essay, and Co-speech: Mrs. McKinney, Co-speech: Mr. Ladd, Superquiz: Mrs. Schenher, Art: Mrs. Klockow, Econ: Mr. McKim, Science: Mrs. Slaby and Mr. Sterrett, Math: Mr. Ladd, Director: Mr. Bob Heid.
- ⇒ Academic Decathlon theme: The European Renaissance
- ⇒ Academic Super Bowl theme: The Progressive Era (1880-1920).
- ⇒ Academic Decathlon team consisted of students from three different grade point averages. There were three students per grade point average level.
- ⇒ Academic Decathlon members competed with students from nine other schools in the Regional Academic Decathlon.
- ⇒ Awards: Academic Decathlon: 10th in State small school division, Area: 1st in essay, 2nd in speech, science, and mathematics, 4th overall in district. Team members placed first in the Super Quiz. Sophomore Craig Curtis finished first overall in the Honor Division followed by sophomore John Butron and junior Keith Axtell. Additional honors were earned by Scholastic Division comprised of junior Kevin Carlson, sophomore Daniel Hudspeth, and sophomore Alisa Fraticelli.
- ⇒ Spellers competed at Rensselaer Central Invite on September 27, Northwest Hoosier Academic Conference on October 4, and the area finals on October 17 at North Judson. No one advanced to state competition.
- ⇒ New black academic team polo shirts were bought for \$27. Students could earn a shirt by selling cookies after school or passing out the class shirts that were sold at registration. Shirts were designed to be worn for all competitions.



Awarded by their achievement, sophomore Alisa Fraticelli, senior Keith Hoffman, and sophomores Craig Curtis and Brent Scamhorn receive first place ribbons for science.

Above right: Mentally scrolling through their knowledge of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," sophomore Craig Curtis and junior Keith Axtell await the science team's Super Quiz finish at the regional Decathlon. The Decathlon was held January 21 at KVHS.



Row 1: Candy Miller, Alecia Penninga, Vicki Murray, Sally Wallenstein, Ashton DeVries, Andrew Farr. Row 2: Emily Penninga, Elizabeth Moran, Rick Newton, Joseph Delgado, Kevin Carlson.

# Happenin' Highlights



"I joined Academic Decathlon because it looks good on a college application, but after my first year. I joined again because it was fun. I also joined Academic Decathlon because it focuses on every subject and not just one," said senior Brian Winter.



"Academic teams improved my test taking abilities and was also a lot of fun. There was a lot of information to be studied, but it was all worth it when we found out that we made it to state," said sophomore Alisa Fraticelli. Fraticelli was a member of the Decathlon and Super Bowl teams.



"Academic Decathlon takes a lot of hard work. In order to prepare for state competition, I had to study for four hours a week. I also had to go to practice and read a giant binder and some novels and plays," said junior Kevin Carlson. Carlson was a member of the Spell Bowl, Decathlon and Captain of the Literature Team for Super Quiz in April.



During the Club Fair, sophomore Daniel Hudspeth and Mr. Mark Ladd sign up students for the academic team. Teens were needed for SpellBowl, Decathlon, Super Quiz and Science Olympiad teams.

Row 1: Brian Winter Row 2: Keith Hoffman, Royce Havens, John Burton, Brent Scarniham, Daniel Hudspeth, Row 3: Alisa Fraticelli, Kevin Carlson, Craig Curtis, Keith Axtell, Zachary Adams

By: Dayna DeVries



Left: Awaiting his turn for the three man Super Quiz competition, sophomore John Burton reads the question off the screen in the auditorium. "The Renaissance" covered two Shakespeare plays, artwork, science and business and math practices of the day.



# Senior

Guiding the way to a  
fresh start in high school.

☀ Mrs. Kingma, Mrs. Carey, Ms. Whicker, and Ms. Howard organized the Freshmen Fundamentals program.

☀ In order to become a Senior Leader an interview was required. During the interview seniors were required to answer questions about themselves and also had to describe what they would do in certain scenarios.

☀ Former Senior Leaders voted or made suggestions on students they thought would make good Senior Leaders.

☀ There were 53 Senior Leaders chosen to help out at Freshmen Fundamentals.

☀ Senior leaders met as a team to focus on making the freshmen's experience as impacting and memorable as possible. The meetings were to familiarize seniors with the material they would cover at the Fundamentals.

☀ The Freshmen Fundamentals was an all day event.

☀ One game was played where everyone stood in a circle and said each others names and one thing that he or she liked.

☀ Another game played was the "hugging game," where either Mrs. Carey or Ms. Whicker would shout out a number and everyone would have to hurry to get into a group of that number. Whoever wasn't in a group, was out.

☀ Seniors explained the importance of maintaining good grades, getting involved, being yourself, and becoming a leader.



Rapping seniors Lauren Laski, Krin Huff, Cecilia Heckman, and Brandon Phillips express the school rules to the incoming freshmen.

Top Right: Playing the "knot game" senior Jessica Thys along with her freshmen, try to untangle themselves. Each group had to form a circle while holding hands and then get tangled up. Getting untangled without letting go and ending up back in a circle was the goal.



Teaching the "Rock, Paper, Scissors," game seniors Benjamin Stein and Rachel Wilkinson show freshman Kaylah Hensel how it's played. This was an ice-breaker that each group participated in.





# Happenin' Highlights



"I really liked how my group worked well together. They all pitched in to create our chant. Trent Jackson did such an awesome job helping us lead our group in the chant. In the end we won first place," said senior Carmen VanKley.



"During the training sessions there weren't any moments that weren't funny. The training sessions were chuck full of funny moments. I told my freshmen that high school is not like what you see on T.V. and you should try and have as much fun as you can," said senior Brian DeKock.



"I helped out last year during the finals study time by explaining some of the things that I knew. One of the most enjoyable activities that my group of freshmen and I participated in was the Question and Answer game. Some advice I gave to them was, if you get lost don't freak out. Just ask someone for help," said senior Cecilia Heckman.



Senior Leaders Row 1: Mallory Wierzbza, Zachary VanVuren, Steven Roelfs, Ryan Smeltzer, Shannon Abrell, Rachel Wilkinson, Kevin Zuchowski, Garry Jones, Benjamin Stein, Clarisa Bonilla, Cole Patrick Row 2: Jordon VanVienen, Jessica Thys, Andrew Mullins, Patrick Koedyker, Llogan Serocinski, Sean Patrick, Daniel Mendoza, Lauren Laski, Jessica Nuss, Cassandra Coffey, Sara Boer Row 3: Aaron Hebda, Adam McDaniel, Meagan Anderson, Royce Havens, Colin Serocinski, Kara Prentoski, Ashley Tronio, Jamie VanerMolen, Nancy Herrera, Jeremy Jackson, Matthew Wicker Row 4: Brandon Phillips, Allison Plopper, Holly Llogan, Destiny Baccino, Rachel Kikkert, Carmen VanKley, Brittany Patton, Cecilia Heckman, Ashley Murray Row 5: Ashion DeVries, Vanessa Acevedo, Carlin Oezer, Alyssa Potts, Kimberly Berns, Brandy DeVries, Allison Klicek, Katherine Hubbeling, Krin Huff, Carrielle Baumgartner.

By: Ashley  
Pierson



Singing, Aaron Hebda and Ashley Tronio clap along with their fellow senior leaders.

Demonstrating the dress code, seniors Kimberly Berns and Ashley Murray display hat, shirt and jewelry violations. Clothes that could be worn were also modeled.

# Yearbook

Making memories  
last a lifetime

★ Seniors Carri Dickerson, Elizabeth Moran, and Siobhan Urbano were the head editors of the Yearbook. To be eligible for this position you have to be nominated the previous year by the current editors, and be a section editor for at least one year.

★ Ads Editor was Christina Travers, Club Editor was Amanda Thompson, Academic Editor was Carlin Oezer, Activities Editor was Sarah Salamah and Sports Editors were Michelle Moran and Olivia Ortiz.

★ Staff members who won awards from the Indiana High School Press Association included seniors Elizabeth Moran for her Yearbook Division Portfolio and Carlin Oezer for her Yearbook Division Feature Photo. Also the staff won an award for their Yearbook Division Communications Graphics spread.

★ Raising money for the publication of the yearbook was just another part of class for staff members. It cost \$30,768.25 to see the end result. "All of the hard work and dedication that we put into making the best yearbook pays off when you see the final product" said senior editor Siobhan Urbano.

★ Juggling four classes of English, Newspaper, and Yearbook, Adviser Mrs. Kathy McKinney has still had the time to put out 26 yearbooks in the 26 years she has taught at KV.

★ Having few freshmen and even fewer male staffers did not hold back the production of the 200 page award winning yearbook.

★ Although yearbook met during the two hour fourth period, numerous staff members also gave up their study hall/lunch in order to complete the book on time.



Receiving a certificate from Herff Jones representative Lisa Keene, junior Michelle Moran was awarded with the Best Photo Portfolio from the Midwest Yearbook Experience. "I like taking pictures, and I was so excited to receive this award. I finally was noticed for doing what I love," said Moran who was the Co-Sports Ed.

By: Olivia  
Ortiz



Patiently working on her copy, junior Melissa Pilarczyk finalizes her spread. "The worst word in the English language is the word 'DEADLINE'" said Pilarczyk.

Top right: Helping her first year staff member on her project, Christina Travers, tells Ruth Sharp how to advise her fonts for her spread. "I enjoyed helping my staff finish their spreads," said Travers.

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Guided by the layout she designed for the Academic section, senior Carlin Oezer gets ready to put the final copy in the computer. "Being a yearbook section editor for two years has influenced me to further my education in journalism. It has also helped me develop communication skills, and get to know more people," said Oezer.



"Being a freshman in a class with older people is both hard and easy. Although I get to learn for three more years in a class that I love, it is hard work putting spreads together. Also the class has taught me a lot about managing my time and being responsible for my own things," said freshman Greg Melton. Also pictured senior Amanda Thompson.



"Being the Activity Editor is a really rough job, especially in crunch time when spreads are due. It is also frustrating when your staff loses pictures, and doesn't turn their spreads in on time. Other than all the negative stuff, we all work together, and when the book is finally out, everyone can enjoy what we have been working on," said senior Sarah Salamah.



Row one: Daine Willis. Row 2: Carri Dickerson, Elizabeth Moran, Siobhan Urbano. Row 3: Megan Moore, Michelle Moran, Amber Gooden, Anastasia Christian, Sarah Salamah, Carlin Oezer, Greg Melton. Row 4: Olivia Ortiz, Amanda Thompson, Christina Travers, Melissa Plarczyk, Nichole Wright, Samantha Hoak, Ruth Slarp. Row 5: Carianne Jones, Andrew Mullins, Dayna DeVries, Daniel Broholm, Kimberly Berns, Amanda Ledger.

"My senior year was made a lot more interesting by yearbook. It was fun, but it was stressful. Hopefully, everyone likes it when it comes out, but if they don't, it won't matter to me because I know it took a lot of hard

work and time, and we did our best," said senior co head editor Elizabeth Moran as she discusses deadlines with co-editor Siobhan Urbano.

# Student Council

Working to improve the school and community.

\*Student Council was sponsored by Mrs. Heather Carey and Ms. Melissa Whicker.

\*The officers were Clarisa Bonilla-President, Mary Kathryn Frederick-Vice president, Lauren Laski-Secretary, Benjamin Stein-Treasurer, Allison Plopper and Laura VanderLugt-Honor Book, and Derek Kunzman-Parliamentarian.

\*One thing the club did to improve the school was the "Talking Locker." Students could submit anonymous suggestions to improve the school to locker 116.

\*Stu. Co. also sponsored the Senior Wall painting. Seniors could pick out a block and paint it to any way they wanted. The class designator was a town scene designed and painted by classmate Ashlee Peterson.

\*Stu. Co. sponsored events such as Homecoming and Winterfest.

\*My favorite thing about Student Council was making changes in the school to better the school and its environment. I decided to be in Student Council because I wanted to be involved in high school and make changes. My favorite activity was Homecoming. Seeing everyone participate in the activities and dress-up days was awesome," said freshman Ashley Hudspeth.

\*Mr. KV pageant was won by junior Mark Melton.

\*For fun, the club took a field trip to Notre Dame to a Hockey game.

\*IFLURTZ were a big hit at Valentine's Day. Over \$400 raised from the sales went to sending members to summer camps, providing funds for staff appreciation, and subsidizing the honor roll ceremony.

\*Battle of the Bands and the Oscars were also sponsored by Student Council. The battle of the Bands was open to student bands, as well as local bands. WTF won.

\*Best car-Joshua Zak, Best couple that didn't get together-Daniel Shadwell and Lauren Laski, Best costumes-A very special day, Most creative dresser-Carly Rice, Best hair-Kevin Corbett, Best special effects-Blood drive, Cutest Siblings-Patrick and Timothy Cusack, Biggest Blonde-Lindsey Sittima, Best supporting actor-Jack Laski-Blood Drive, Best Smile-Amanda Evans, Best soundtrack-Mo'Money Mo'Problems, Best animal noise-Leigh Ann Skratsky, cutest Couple-Jamie Rios and Juan Urbina, Most likely to be a pro athlete-Daniel Lewallen, Most likely to be president-Ryan Smeltzer, Most likely to have maids-Brindy Hamstra, Most likely to be a bum-Adam Bowman, Best fight or chase scene-The Midwest Mobsters, Biggest jokester-Adam Bowman, Nicest Person-Andrew Mullins, Best actress-Leading or supporting-Ashley Tronjo-Mo'Money Mo'Problems, Best Plot-The Midwest Mobsters, Best laugh-Kevin Corbett, Biggest flirt- Corinne Janavich, Best actor-Matthew Wicker-Blood Drive, Film of the year-The Midwest Mobsters, Band of the Year-WTF led by junior Sean Warren.

Posing for a picture after the Notre Dame hockey game. Derek Kunzman, Matthew Wicker, Kelsey Nannenga, Kaylie Fritz, Cory Bifoss, Melissa Roldan, Ryan Smeltzer, Jonathan Torbitt, Eric Alvarado, Joshua Hall, Matthew Oliver, Hannah Birky, Kevin Klemp, Jonathan Clifford, Patrick Koedyker, Timothy Whitaker, and Aaron Hebda await their ride from the South Bend campus.

Above Right: Donating a can for the Christmas Food Drive, freshman Ashley Collins hands her can to senior Destiny Baccino. Every student received a donut and milk for donating \$1 or a canned good for the December event.



Waiting for the picture to be taken, Mr. KV pageant contestants include sophomore Aaron Kurowsky, senior Patrick Koedyker, juniors Mark Melton, sophomore Kevin Corbett, seniors Ryan Smeltzer, Aaron Hebda, junior Adam Bowman and sophomore Jonathan Torbitt.



# Happenin' Highlights

By: Amanda Thompson



"Doing the hoola-hoop during lunch was such a blast. I was really horrible at it, but it was fun, and an easy way to get points for my class. There's nothing like making an idiot of yourself in front of your friends." senior Amanda Thompson



"Spikedown was so much fun. It was great dressing up and cheering on my awesome senior Spikedown team. To show my support, I wore a blonde mullet wig, red bandanna, and big sunglasses. My team loved it." Senior Cole Patrick



"We rocked at the Oscars in April. We sang a great song about Dan Beedle because he is awesome. The WTF band consisted of junior Matthew Patton, sophomore Michael Hunter, and juniors Sean Warren and Andrew McKee." said Junior Sean Warren



Waiting for the song to begin, juniors Matthew Dobin, Cory Morris, sophomore Kevin Corbett, and junior Mark Melton participate in the 4th Hour Karaoke competition held in the Auditorium in February.

Row 1: Lauren Laski, Clansa Bonilla, Derek Kuntzman, Mary Kathryn French, Cole Patrick, Bowman Stein Row 2: Abigail Sandonato, Emily Stein, Carrie Barrera, Jessica Niss, Makayla Wierzbis, Patrick Kodyker, Alana Williams Row 3: Aaron Ilebda, Ryan Smeltzer, Matthew Wicker, Matthew Oliver, Rachel Kikent, Carmen Vankley, Destiny Baccino Row 4: Corey Bifoss, Jorie Kingma, Daniel Lewallen, Rojelly Almira, Joshua Basel, Rick Newton Row 5: Joshua Smith, Christine Roorda, Hannah Berky, Adam Bowman, Melissa Easto, Joshua Hall, Kevin Klemp Row 6: Melissa Roldan, Jillian Conley, Holly Kampenga, Kanna VanderWoude, Kelli Hamstra, Jillian Kobi, Elizabeth 1 & 2 Lauren Hall Row 7: John Laska, Adria Kij, Judabeth, David Capouch, Paige Hock, Adria Kij, Kayla Fries, Brandon Meltzer, Jonathan Torke



Left: Presenting the award for best smile, junior Kevin Klemp and sophomore Lauren Hale wait for the winner to make the way on stage and give an acceptance speech.



# Winterfest

Spirit got to a high point  
and just kept on growing

## Party

\* Many dress up days were held throughout Winterfest week such as 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, and into the future dress up days. It was like walking into a different time zone every day.

\* There were lots of fourth hour activities including hula hooping, rocketship building, and tree hugging. Each earned a class spirit points.

\* During the spike down competition both the junior and senior boys worked hard to try and win, but in the end the seniors won 3 to 2.

\* We also got a new Mr. KV during Winterfest. Junior Mark Melton was crowned Mr. KV and reigned throughout the week.

\* Junior Elizabeth Guzzo had luck on her side when she was chosen to be the Valley Idol. Elizabeth rocked the house with her version of a Kelly Clarkson song. The Idol format was taken from the popular TV show called American Idol.

\* On Friday, the pep session was a blast with all the different areas of dancing, and the race with the FFA Sweethearts. The spirit stick was awarded to the class with the most spirit. Seniors won the spirit stick. Some may say they had the biggest spirit bug of all.



After winning the title of Mr. KV, junior Mark Melton took a moment to pose for the camera along with fellow contestants sophomore Kevin Corbett, left, and junior Adam Bowman, right.

Above right: Future day was an amazement with all the glitter and shiny foil. Senior Krin Huff got in on the action by wearing a blue wig and a cowboy hat.



During the Winterfest pep session, junior Elizabeth Guzzo performs "Break Away" by Kelly Clarkson at the Valley Idol contest. She was chosen as the idol winner.



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Senior Aaron Hebda went up against other contestants who also were wanting to win the Mr. KV contest. In the talent portion of the show, Aaron played his guitar and sang "A Million Miles Away" by Adam Hood for the audience.



"I have always wanted to experience the 50's, and I felt like I was able to when I dressed up," said senior, Mallory Wierzb. "I participated in a lot of the activities and was able to help coordinate it through Student Council. My senior class was able to win the spirit stick because we had the most spirit."



Dressing the part of a person from the 70's, freshman Walter Wians dressed in his tie dye t-shirt and wore sunglasses with a bandanna around his head. Wians earned some spirit points for the freshman class.



Racing to hug a tree, junior Josh Bael and sophomore Nathan Leath try to bear each other to the tree and back to tag their partner and win spirit points.

Far left: Dressing in their 50's attire, freshmen Chelsea Hensel and Toni Bianchi show their spirit.



Kougar spirit was everywhere, and senior Ashley Murray was getting in on it by wearing patriotic colors and a visor wrapped in foil.

By:  
Samantha  
Hoak



# Sunshine

☉Sunshine sponsors Mrs. Lynn Ginzer and Mrs. Patricia Price handed over their position to Mrs. Heather Lyons.

☉The memberships fee for Sunshine was \$5.

☉The officers were senior Allison Plopper-President, junior Kelsey Nannenga-Vice president, senior Carrielle Baumgarte-Secretary, and sophomore Ashley Sholes-Treasurer.

☉The club members raised close to \$4000 in fundraising. Fundraising included selling cheese and sausage as well as beauty products.

☉Activities the club was involved in were sponsoring Homecoming events, working and providing desserts for the chicken dinner, providing food on teacher-in-service days, wrestling invites, basketball and volleyball meets and academic meets. They also donated fruit to the Jasper County Youth Center during Christmas. Many members also volunteered at care centers.

☉Ticket price for the dance varied depending on how many fundraising items were sold.

☉It Cost around \$2500 to put the Sunshine dance together.



American firsts includes the Sunshine Dance for Senior Exchange Student Yu Ying Chou and Junior Evan Whitaker who escorted Yu Ying to the Turn About Affair.

Dancing with his date to the final song, Senior Christopher Vålstra moves to the beat with junior Kelsey Nannenga. "My favorite thing about the Sunshine dance was being able to decorate for it the night before. We had so much fun, and I loved seeing the dance floor "come to life" the next night. All of our hard work showed us that it had paid off," said Kelsey.

By: Amanda  
Thompson

Helping others while  
helping themselves.





# Happenin' Highlights



"I joined the Sunshine Club because I wanted to get involved in the community. I wanted to help people in our community and motivate others to get involved and help out. Getting involved showed the younger girls that it was a good thing to do," said Senior Carrielle Baumgartner.

"My favorite thing about the Sunshine dance was decorating the night before. We had a lot of fun. I don't think I have EVER blown up so many balloons, so I was really lightheaded that night and everyone was getting a good laugh out of me. Also spending time with my friends and my boyfriend was one of my favorite things," said Junior Brittany Niemiec.

"I became the Sunshine sponsor because it is a great club and I didn't want to see it end. Organizing the dance was very stressful, but the outcome was worth it. I had a great dance committee that helped decorate everything and made all the decisions about the dance. Without the dance committee's help, I don't think it would have been as successful," said Ms. Lyons.



Freshmen Row 1: Miranda Steele, Amanda Colbert, Stephanie Canbe, Magen Moore, Rebecca Crane, Tiffany Sifer, Ashley Gudorf, Kaylie Fritts, Taylor VanVuren, Brandy Hamstra. Row 2: Heather Anderson, Trisha Posel, Jenna Levandowski, Paige Harden, Amanda Peters, Kendra Terborg, Jacquelyn DeVries, Stephanie Kingma, Megan Axtel, Jennifer Herberman. Row 3: Trisha Severson, Jennifer Landry, Miranda Gonzales, Ashlee Collins, Amy Dykstra, Abigail Jones, Sarah Rudeluis, Jessica Knoblock, Kaitlyn Hansen, Stephanie Spaniol, Adrienne Flick. Row 4: Lauren Gilmore, Kern Persson, Megan Ganzeweld, Stephanie Whight, Chloe Wallenstein, Kourney Freden, Kelly Brown, Chelsea Hensel, Emily Peregrine. Row 5: Ashley Ganzeweld, Whitney Studer, Pamela Zuchowski, Alyssa Trono, Lauren Hamstra, Heather McMillan, Amanda Villalpando, Kaitlyn Howard, Taylor Anderson, Brittany Herma. Row 6: Rebekah Poma, Ashley Hudspeth, Marissa Talarek, Chantel Huff, Jenna Middleton, Kelsey VanKampen, Lauren Wierzbis, Jessica Higginson, Ashley Walden, Robba Davis.



Sophomore Row 1: Stacey Polonschak, Elizabeth Tilley, Stormy Wreman, Jillian Corley, Brittany Susepek, Nicole Hennings, Kanna Vandervoude, Lauren Leigwaier, Melissa Roldan. Row 2: Alexia Murray, Jamie Ross, Lauren Hale, J. Iannuli Sparks, Danielle Faze, Kelli Hamstra, Lindsay Sinema, Brittany Coffer, Adrienne Zerkl. Row 3: Laura Myers, Morgan Myers, Shawna Walkin, Candy Miller Wood, Vicki Murray, Alicia Penning, Jessica Wronce, Julie Dykstra, Tera Rache. Row 4: Ashley Sholes, Melissa Halloran, Rebecca Schlemmer, Marissa Tillema, Kelsey Allen, Katharina Mestrovich, Meredith Hammons, Holly Kampenga, Amanda O'Neal, Brittany Mann, Anna Giblen. Row 5: Page Walczak, Michelle Dahn, Julie Hamstra, Jennifer Bullard, Danielle Jarrell. Row 6: James Sholey, Taylor Scott, Elizabeth Hurt, Amanda Lemmon, Corinne Janavich, Jeffrey Mathis, Devon Southard, Kystal Higginson.



Junior and Senior Row 1: Yu Ying Chou, Sara Boer, Kara Prentiss, Kelsey Nannenga, Destany Baccaro, Melanie Klunder, Jessica Nuss, Stephanie Posel. Row 2: Alexia Anderson, Rachel Kikkeri, Carrielle Baumgartner, Stephanie Mann, Katharina Mestrovich, Shannon Abrell. Row 3: Ashlee Borestedt, Caitlin Sinema, Nichole Whight, Megan Anderson, Rachel Willerson, Mallory Wierzbis, Sally Wallenstein, Alyssa Tomich. Row 4: Brittany Hoffman, Nicole Brown, Christine Roorda, Nicole Pilachowski, Stephanie Rauwaier, Heather McCauley, Jennifer Davis. Row 5: Heather Graham, Brittany Niemiec, Samantha Medina, Brittany Scott, Tiffany Livengood, Stephanie Boling, Alison Schuler. Row 6: Crystal Caballero, Annette Chynn, Jeri Meyer.

# Viva Las Vegas, Baby!



Prom court, Mark Melton and Beth Guzzo won Prince and Princess and in Center Destiny Baccino and Andrew Mullins were crowned Queen and King.

As students enter the Expo center, peacock dancers freshman Carolyn Weaver and sophomore Sara Little clad in pink leotards and multi-colored feathers welcome each group to "Vegas, Baby!"

Row 1: Juniors Bethany Clark, Melanie Daniels, and Kelly Drake Row 2: Juniors Anne Janevich, Melissa Pilarczyk, and Amber Jests

Far right: As senior Ruth Sharp enters Prom, she shows off her stunning dress to chaperone Mr. Greg Oliver. Sharp spent the night dancing with her friends.

By Kimberly Berns and  
Ashley Pierson

On May 6, 350 students woke up early to prepare for their big night, Prom. In preparation, teens scrambled to tanning beds, hair salons, and even the mall for last minute touches, to attend the Prom themed, "Vegas Baby."

"The most stressful part was getting ready, and making sure everything matched, and nothing was left behind," said senior Christine Miles.

After final touches were made, Prom goes headed to the high school for the Grand March and pictures. Class Photography took pictures that ranged from \$25 to \$46. Group pictures were \$5 per person.

After the Grand March, teens were on their way to the Valpo Expo Center where dinner and dancing were held. Doors opened at 6 p.m., dinner was at 7 and dancing ran from 8 to midnight. Prom King, Andrew Mullins and Queen, Destiny Baccino, were crowned by an Elvis impersonator, Ted Ramsey at about 9 p.m. Mark Melton and Beth Guzzo were crowned Prince and Princess.

"Being crowned Prom Queen felt really good because I wasn't expecting it. All of the other girls were really deserving, so I didn't think I would win. I was very happy and completely shocked to win. It was probably the thing I will remember most about my high school career," said senior Destiny Baccino.

After Dancing, teens attended Post Prom at Inmans from midnight to 3 a.m. The ticket cost was \$18. At Post Prom teens won door prizes, played arcade games, bowled, and rode on the go-carts. "When we arrived at Post Prom, we filled up on pizza and Monsters (which was a high energy drink), karaoked, and we each won a \$5 Blockbuster giftcard," said senior Cheri Ammerman.



At the beginning of the night, the D.J. asked people to come out and break dance for a prize which was a cd. Seniors Joanna Chou, Shannon Abrell, Rebecca

Tortella, and Rachel Wilkinson watch Jason Zavala strutting his stuff across the entire floor. Jason received a standing ovation for his efforts.



Prom court members included: Row 1- Anastasia Christian, Destiny Baccino (Queen), Alana Williams, Ashley Bonesteel, Joanna Chou, and Beth Guzzo

(Princess). Row 2- Mark Melton (Prince), Cole Patrick, Adam Bowman, Andrew Mullins (King), Garry Jones, and Skyler Cavinder.



Prom 2006 was awesome! I had so much fun getting to spend one last formal with my senior friends and being goofy with everyone else. The event was truly Vegas, Baby, and the rest stays in Vegas." **Junior Samantha Medina.**

"I had a great time with my date Stephanie Rainwater. We danced a lot, and it was cool to see all my friends dressed up and looking sharp. I can't wait for next year's Prom."

**Junior Matthew Profock.**



"It was totally radical standing out in the freezing cold with one of my close guy friends waiting to go on go-carts. It was crazy, but we had loads of fun. Go Seniors!" **Senior Mollory Wierzb**

# Graduates of '06 net

## National Honor Society

Shannon Abrell  
Destiny Baccino  
Sara Boer  
Clarisa Bonilla  
Ashton DeVries  
Joshua Gibson  
Aaron Hebda  
Katherine Hubbeling  
Jessi Jungels  
Rachel Kikkert  
Allison Klicek  
Lauren Laski  
Jessica Nuss  
Emily Penninga  
Stephanie Poisel  
Ryan Smeltzer  
Sally Wallenstein  
Matthew Wicker  
Mallory Wierzb  
Rachel Wilkinson

Art Awards, Jasper County Art  
League Award and Scholarship  
Ashley Engleman

Art League Sketch Book: Ashley  
Murray

Art League Scholarship \$100:

Rob Ridge

Art Scholarship \$100: Ismael

Perez

Art Award & Art Club  
Scholarship \$100 Carly Rice

## Band

Jazmyne Allen  
Cassie Dickerson  
Patrick Faley  
Katie Misiak  
Andrew Mullins  
Steven Roelfs  
Anthony Sandefur  
Sally Wallenstein  
**Kolor Guard**  
Shannon Abrell  
Brandy DeVries  
Stephanie Mann  
**Orchestra**  
Sara Boer  
Clarisa Bonilla  
Bradley Herr  
Christine Miles  
Jessica Nuss  
Caitlyn Sittima  
Rachel Wilkinson

## Quill & Scroll Scholarship

Elizabeth Moran  
Siobhan Urbano

## FFA Sashes

Brian DeKock  
Ryan Hilton  
Krin Huff  
Adam Misch  
Student Council Four Year  
Clarisa Bonilla  
Ryan Smeltzer  
Benjamin Stein  
Alana Williams

## Senior Leader Recognition

Shannon Abrell  
Vanessa Acevedo  
Meagan Anderson  
Destiny Baccino  
Carrielle Baumgart  
Kimberly Berns  
Sara Boer  
Clarisa Bonilla  
Cassandra Coffey  
Brian DeKock  
Ashton DeVries  
Brandy DeVries  
Amanda Evans  
Matthew Hamstra  
Royce Havens  
Aaron Hebda  
Cecilia Heckman  
Nancy Herrera  
Katherine Hubbeling  
Krin Huff  
Jeremy Jackson  
Garry Jones  
Rachel Kikkert  
Allison Klicek  
Patrick Koedyker  
Lauren Laski  
Holly Logan  
Adam McDaniel  
Daniel Mendoza  
Elizabeth Moran  
Andrew Mullins  
Ashley Murray  
Jessica Nuss  
Carlin Oezer  
Cole Patrick

Sean Patrick  
Brittany Patton  
Brandon Phillips  
Allison Plopper  
Kara Prentoski  
Steven Roelfs  
Colin Serocinski  
Lagan Serocinski  
Ryan Smeltzer  
Benjamin Stein  
Jessica Thys  
Ashley Tronjo  
Carmen VanKley  
Jordan VanWienen  
Jamie VanderMolen  
Zachary VanVuren  
Jessica Whirley  
Matthew Wicker  
Rachel Wilkerson  
Kevin Zuchowski  
**Building Trades Certificates**  
Casey J. Boyer  
Shane K. Boyer  
Benjamin L. Bryan  
Joshua T. Coulter  
Bradley Herr  
Ryan T. Hilton  
Steven M. Lovas  
Steven S. Martin  
Adam J. Misch  
Jacob H. Mital  
Lyle D. Shepherd  
Lucas A. Thomas  
Kyle W. Turnpugh  
Darren J. Wireman

## Vocational Welding Certificates

Casey J. Boyer  
Benjamin L. Bryan  
Jason L. Hamstra  
Adam J. Misch  
Jacob H. Mital  
Kyle W. Turnpugh  
Joshua R. Zak

## U. S. Army Reserve Awards

Female: Clarisa Bonilla  
Male: Ryan Smeltzer

## National Guard

**Recognition**  
Private First Class:  
Steven Martin  
Private: Carrie Barrera

Kankakee Valley/Lake  
Athletic Conference Male  
**Female Athlete of the Year**  
Female: Emma Cunningham  
Male: Patrick Prochno

**Lake Athletic Conference**  
Scholar Athlete Team  
Clarisa Bonilla  
Lauren Laski  
Aaron Hebda  
Ryan Smeltzer

**Perfect Attendance**  
4 Year: Patrick Fraley  
This year: Jason Zavala



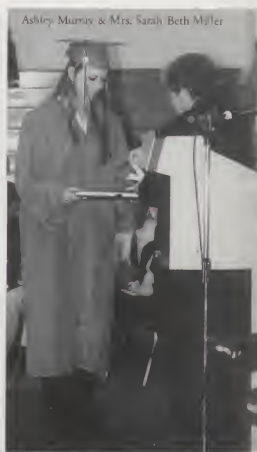
Robert Ridge



Lauren Laski & Mrs. Slaby



Brandon Phillips



Ashley Murray & Mrs. Sarah Beth Miller



Siobhan Urbano & Judge Montfort



Top-Ten Seniors



# \$1.4 million in awards

## Super Senior Recognition

Ryan Smeltzer  
Allison Plopper  
Matthew Wicker  
Destiny Baccino  
Ismael Perez  
Clarisa Bonilla  
Emma Cunningham  
Shannon Abrell  
Ruth Sharp  
Daniel Shadwell  
Jessi Jungels  
Adam McDaniel  
Brian DeKock  
Rachel Kikkert  
Daniel Mendoza  
Ashton DeVries  
Laura VanderLugt  
Jry Tech State College Dual Credits  
Eric Antkowiak  
Derek Boissy  
Shane Boyer  
Benjamin Bryan  
Joshua Coulter  
Tyler Drake  
Patrick Fraley  
Maricruz Gomez  
Gregory Grund  
Royce Havens  
Maria Hernandez  
Jacob Jones  
Landen Krupchak  
Benjamin Lewis  
William Luckey

Robert Mayernik  
Thomas Myers  
Mark Nikolas  
Kara Prentoski  
Caitlyn Sittima  
Kyle Turnpaugh  
Heather Shaffer  
Ashley Tronjo  
Laura VanderLugt  
Joshua Zak  
Foreign Exchange Student Recognition  
Ju-Ying Chou: Taiwan  
Phillippe Max Honsberg: Germany  
Cecilia Junflo-Serra: Sweden  
Nina Anna Kaczowska: Poland  
Rebeca Daniela Tortorella  
Otamendi: Venezuela  
National Merit Scholarship Program  
Letter of Commendation  
Emily N. Penninga  
Sally M. Wallenstein  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Ashton DeVries  
Anderson University  
Cassandra Coffey  
Butler University  
Lauren Marie Lacki  
Calvin Dean's Scholarship  
Sara N. Boer

## Elmhurst College Music Scholarship

Ashton DeVries  
Franklin College Scholarship & Freedom Scholarship  
Jordan VanWienen  
Indiana University Bloomington  
Clarisa Bonilla  
Indiana University Purdue University First Generation Scholarship  
Emma Cunningham  
Jamie VanderMolen  
Manchester College  
Nicholas Miranda  
Purdue University 2006 Opportunity Award Scholar of Jasper County  
Joshua Gibson  
Purdue University Academic Success Award  
Matthew Wicker  
Purdue University George C. Merrick Scholarship  
Aaron Hebda  
Purdue University Ella G. Bales Scholarship  
Aaron Hebda  
Purdue University Lawrenz Greene Memorial Scholarship  
Allison Kliceck  
Purdue University Muriel Rumsey Scholarship  
Allison Kliceck  
Purdue University Ag Award of Excellence  
Allison Kliceck  
Purdue University North Central Freshman Merit Scholarship  
Kara Prentoski  
University of the Cumberland College Academic Scholarship and Christian Leadership Scholarship  
Stephanie Poisel

## Utah State University

USU Presidential Scholarship  
USU Music Department Scholarship  
USU Aggie Housing Scholarship  
Rachel Wilkinson

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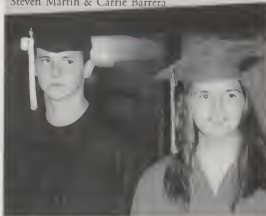
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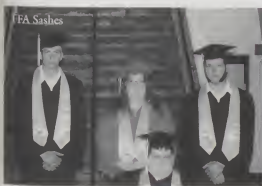
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Entering the gym, Will Lucky and Garry Jones open a new chapter in their lives.

After receiving her diploma, Maureen Keilman was showered with roses from friends and family.

Above: Charged with emotion, Brian DeKock, Ryan Smeltzer, Matt Wicker, and Clarisa Bonilla await the final chords of *Pomp and Circumstance*.





# Every story has an..

Sunday June 4 was a crucial day in the lives of 196 graduates who were members of the smallest graduating class in the past 10 years. Students accepted their diplomas from Principal Philip Apple, School Board President John Heerema, and KV Superintendent Dr. Glen Krueger. Salutatorian Ryan Smeltzer took his turn coming up to the podium to give his speech on all the memories that were shared



between the graduates. Just a few of the topics that were mentioned were how the cool kids always stayed around in the back parking lot talking to friends, and how you learned quickly to keep an extra pair of jumper cables in your car because you never knew whose car needed jumped next.

Another new topic was how the Spirit stick was 'stolen, borrowed, lendend and eventually returned'. As the topic of Homecoming came about, the senior girls all cheered when 46-0 was brought up which was the score of the junior/senior Powder Puff game. The senior flag was mistaken for the real one many times even though the seniors knew that the real flag was made out of senior Ryan

Hilton's bed sheets and was flown around the parking lot before the game by senior Adam Misch. Even though these were just a few of the things that were mentioned, everyone had their own stories and memories to recall as moments became memories for the Class of '06. (Photo Inset: Ryan Smeltzer)

# ending



After hearing his name, Troy Jackson made his way up the ramp and accepted his diploma from School Board President John Heerema, Superintendent Dr. Glen Krueger, and Principal Philip Apple.



Trying to wait patiently by Mr. Bob Heid, Siobhan Urbano, as well as Laura VanderLugt, listen for their names to be called for receiving their diplomas.



By: Carri, Elizabeth and Sarah



After receiving their diplomas, Heather Drake and twins Carri and Cassy Dickerson await the signal to be seated and turn their tassels on June 4.

Making their way through the hallway, Cole Patrick, Garry Jones, and alumnist Kellen Patrick strike one last pose for their parents.



As Ruth Sharp makes her way down the stage, she is handed the class flower, which was a red and white peppermint carnation, by National Honor Society students Steven DeVries and Corinne Janavich.

Retiring after 22 years as a member of the school board, president John Heerema leads the class out. He was joined by Principal Philip Apple.



# Which leads to a new... beginning

Sunday June 4th was not only a day of beauty on the outside, but was also a day of emotions, excitement and anticipation on the inside for the 196 graduates. Senior class waited patiently as Salutatorian Matthew Wicker gave his speech upon how thankful he was for the teachers who had led him to the number two spot in his class. He said that without them, he would not have been able to make his journey complete. Valedictorian Clarisa Bonilla's speech was on success. It included a challenge to keep moving forward. She

said, "Don't let the little things in life get you down". To lighten the mood, classmates pulled William Wagner's chair out from under him which caused him to fall back five extra feet from his row. In spite of the humor, names that were mispronounced, practice mistakes and teens who threw their hats in the air, when the graduates look back, they will remember their class motto.

"Don't go around saying the world owes you something. It owes you nothing, it was here first." Mark Twain.

(Inset photo: Jacob Jones)



Gathering under the school plaque, Cassandra Coffey, Megan Anderson and Shannon Abrell show off their class picture after the ceremony.



After receiving her diploma, Ashley Murray was approached by her parents with a bouquet of flowers.



Salutatorian Matthew Wicker and Valedictorian Clarisa Bonilla are distracted by Royce Havens family

holding up signs. This was the only major disturbance during the hour long ceremony.



In a patriotic tune, the concert choir performed the song "Homeland" as the seniors joined their fellow singers in a final moment in the spotlight.

Top left: Looking back on all the good times, Laura Vanderlugt and Jamie Vander molen await their final dismissal from the ceremony.

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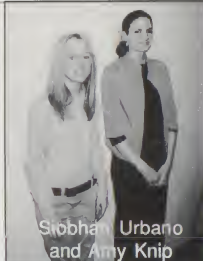
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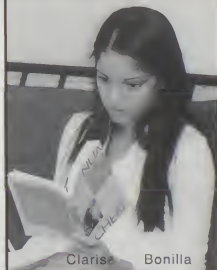
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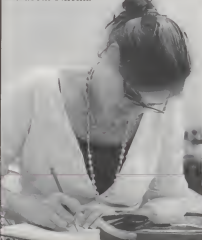
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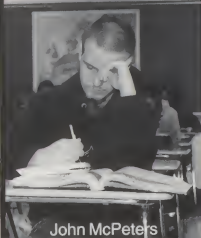
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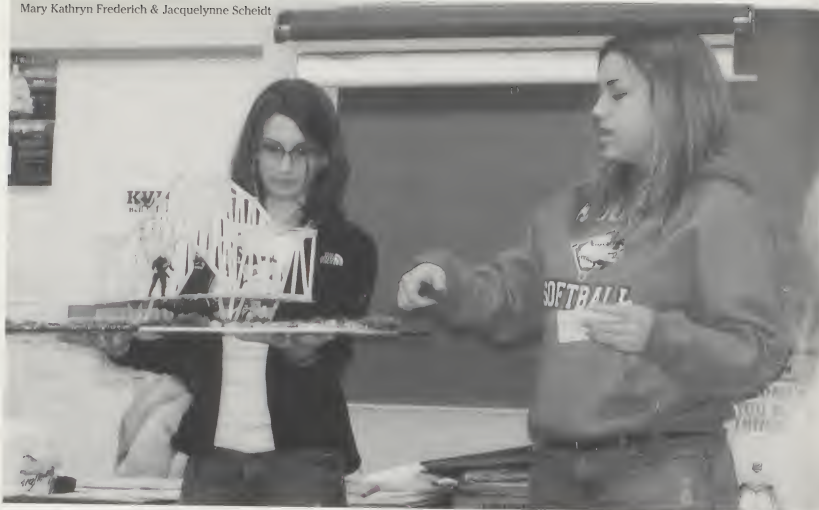
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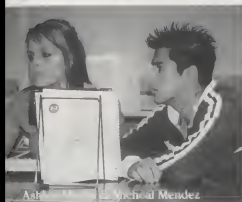
No matter where we turned, we saw achievement and recognition in so many programs like Super Senior and Student of the Month. Individuals captured specials like National Merit Finalists: Emily Penninga and Sally Wallenstein, and Jeromy Jackson who earned a Certified Computer Repair Specialist Certificate. Other winners were Sophomore Leadership winners: Micah Raebel and Sarah Brown who spent one weekend at a workshop.

Every turn down a different hallway brought something new from listening to Mr. Mike Peo's voice down the whole Social Studies hallway to hearing sweet tunes of tech teacher Mr. Jeff Mengel whistling. Through it all, we were never alone, we were always able to help each other create the memories of our lives in

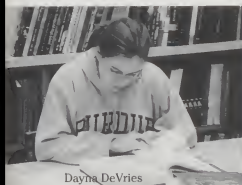
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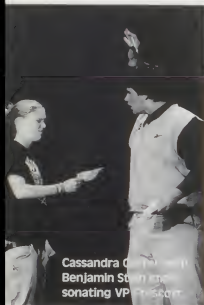
Ruth Sharp & Paul Smirga

# This was our 2006...

Every person had a story and as our journey together as a class came to an end, the rest of our lives were just beginning. From FFA and sports to band and Varsity honor jackets the soon fleeing upper classmen, demonstrated their individual successes. Some counted down the days to when they would be holding their diploma, as others dreaded the day they would say goodbye to one life and hello to a new beginning.

Through the years we have grown together, lost and been victorious together. We made teamwork look easy. We shared Mr. Black's family day, the death of Kaylah Sutton in '05 and bad accidents involving Dean and Josh Tillema, Morgan VanKley, and Adeline Zerkel. We looked back on Mr. Mengel's hog roasts, potato bar, physics trips to Great America, and the Tech car that earned 370 miles to one gallon. Operation Iraqi Freedom, Hurricane Katrina and \$3 plus gas prices caused all of us to cut down on the cruising. All of these events banded us together and gave us something to share, Our Story.

By: Elizabeth Moran



Cassandra and Benjamin Sonating VP Present



Melissa Easto & Kelly Drake



Mrs. Gayle & Jessica Brache



Lauren Brubaker & Abigail Sandonato



Dad & Clarissa Bonny



Jordan Murray

Alan Bonny



Fred Jones Field 50



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 15.5 million by 2020, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 8.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the UK. The Department of Health (2000) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity.

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"I was very proud of the efforts of all the freshmen during Homecoming week. Josh Smith, freshman class president, was the driving force behind organizing the door decorations, and he did a really good job getting everyone involved," said Mrs. **Tara Kingma** sponsor. We all had fun on pajama day working collaboratively to create a festive entrance of royalty. I think everyone's ideas came together, and the entrance turned out really well."



Josh Smith and Ashley VanKley

"My most memorable moment from soccer was the night I tore my ACL on the field when a girl tripped me as I was going after the ball," said Sophomore **Lindsay Skratsky**. "My best qualities of my game are probably my aggressiveness and determination, and my weakness is that I pass too much instead of just shooting. This is probably irritating to Coach Lewallen who is a great coach because he never puts you down."



Lindsay Skratsky

"The staff adopted us. They bought us groceries and collected money. It was amazingly helpful. We were overwhelmed by their generosity," said Custodian **Cheryl Mosher**. Her husband had to have heart surgery so the teachers thought they would help her out over Christmas time and give her a gift of their appreciation. "Everyone was so giving and thoughtful. I was so happy and thankful," said Mosher. Mrs. Judy Roberts said, Your family here wanted to do something for you."



Cheryl Mosher

"I moved to Wheatfield from Portage. It wasn't easy leaving all of my friends. After making new friends, it got easier. I have 18 brothers, and I am the only girl and I'm stuck smackdab in the middle of all them. They include 9 step-brothers, 6-half brothers and 3 whole brothers. Sometimes, I hate being the only girl, but then again, it is nice because I know that they will help me out if I need them to," said **Samantha Hoak**.



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